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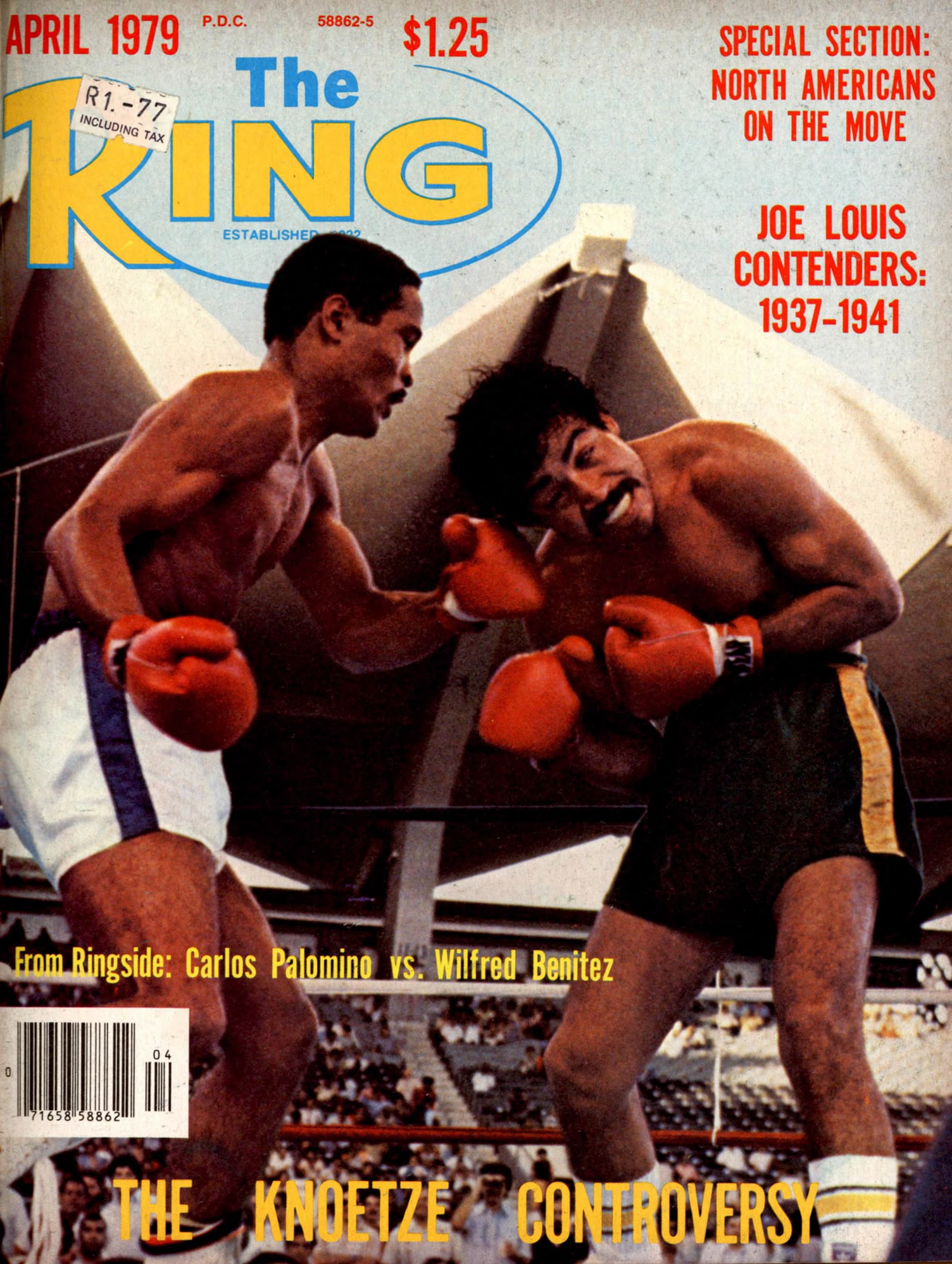

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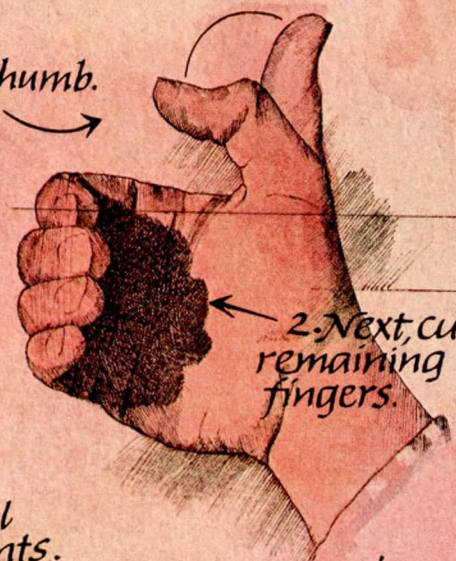

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

BY NAT LOUBET, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

MUHAMMAD Ali, boxing's super salesman from the first day he turned pro in 1960 right up to the present, has just reached age thirty-seven and, despite no official announcement, has been mouthing around—on and off television—that it was time to call it quits. "I'm dead but too tired to fall, and there's nothing more to prove, nothing more to gain, and perhaps it's best to get out now as the champion, as the greatest. I think it means a lot to black people, and it means a lot to history," he states.

Is this another ploy on Ali's part to gain a little more publicity for a ten million dollar shot against Larry Holmes? Is he attempting to open up the purses of promoters with the threat of his retiring?

My answer is that I am inclined, despite the lack of a press conference announcement, to believe that Ali is really going to hang up his gloves this time. He has repeatedly given *The Ring* to believe he was calling it a day, but has always come back when sufficient dough was on the line. But this time, I think it is different.

He is very much overweight and is doing no, or almost no, physical conditioning. My sources indicate that, back a few weeks, he was offered seven millions to fight Mike Rossman, owner of half the light heavyweight crown, and torpedoed the fight before it could get off the ground. If it is money he wants, then why not take Rossman for what Ali would consider a "soft touch?" The money was right. If it isn't money, then the only reason for Ali continuing would be for his own self esteem.

Is it possible that Ali doesn't recognize the ebbing of his abilities—that he no longer is the greatest? From his own comments in recent weeks, there is no doubt that Ali is cognizant of the change in tide of his fistic fortunes. He must be aware that, as the only man in boxing history to win the heavyweight title on three occasions, if he quits undefeated his future, money wise, is much better than if he goes on until he meets defeat. He also knows that his prestige, the image he cherishes as "the greatest," is important to his people and any of his future endeavors.

Ali has just set up a gym in Santa Monica, California, where he is training prospects for the Olympic games under the very capable Jimmy Ellis, one time top heavyweight. He has his own Muhammad Ali Invitational "Celebrity Relay," which is two years old, and he is in constant demand on television shows, for movies, and the written word.

I was told that he may represent several U.S. manufacturing firms for their exports to Islamic countries. This could make him more kopecs than he made in the ring. He probably has greater acceptance in the oil countries than any other living American.

But what of boxing, if Ali doesn't change his mind and stays out of the ring? Are dark days coming to the gloved square? The answer is, emphatically, no! Ali may be a top salesman and publicist for boxing, and no one is going to take his place. But then that is not necessary. When Dempsey quit, when Marciano quit, when Joe Louis quit, among a few, questions were raised, primarily, "Will boxing survive without the champ?" It did, didn't it?

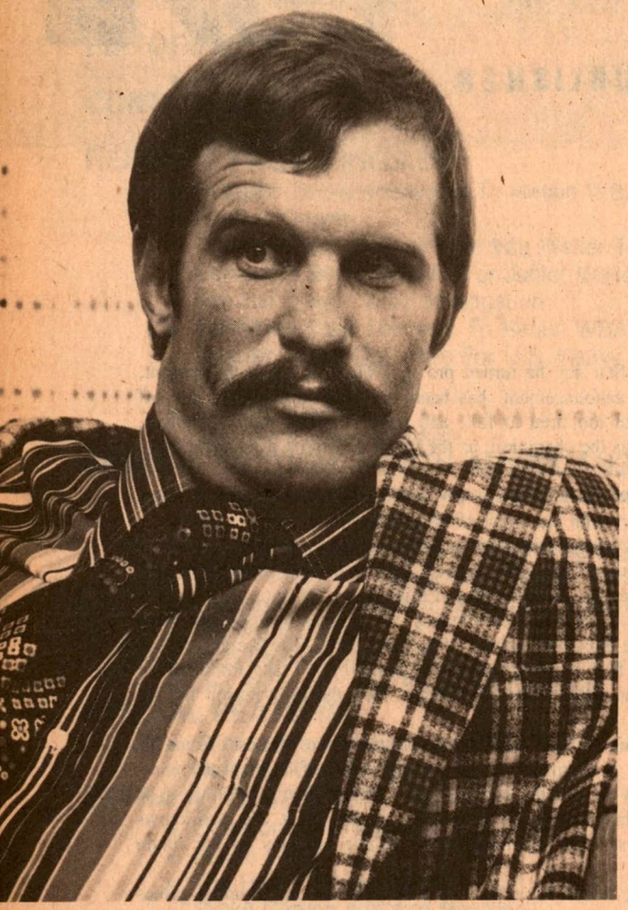
Boxing will survive, Ali or no Ali. A knight on a horse will gallop onto the stage, a new young face to capture the imagination of boxing buffs—and the heavyweight handicaps will be off and running again. The new heavyweight champ will do it his way; no two men are alike, but there are different ways of being successful and colorful.

Another facet is that of the lighter divisions, which, with the help of television, will become more popular again and, perhaps, bring more fighters into the fold and a wider spectrum of video viewers as well as those who pay to be at ringside.

Never fear, boxing is here to stay!

THE KNOETZE CONTROVERSY

By JOAN F. LOUBET



In 1977, while a policeman in South Africa, heavyweight boxer Kallie Knoetze shot a fifteen-year-old black boy in both legs. Should he be permitted to box in the United States?

How much out of proportion is the big blowup of the Kallie Knoetze case? Where does the realm of sport cease to be the area where politics and bigotry are laid aside and competition staged and pursued on its own merits?

Knoetze was involved in 1977 in the shooting in the legs of a fifteen-year-old South African youth. The boy, now sixteen, appeared in a Praetorian court on crutches, accused of assaulting Knoetze. His own testimony states that a police car drew up alongside of a car in which he was riding with other youths. When the police implied that one had made an obscene gesture, he ran off. Crouched before a wire fence which blocked his flight, the youngster was shot in the legs by Knoetze. The angle of entry and exit indicated that the bullet was travelling in a downwards direction, thirty degrees from the horizontal. Kallie claimed that he had been provoked by a Black Power salute and that a stone had been thrown, injuring his shoulder. The boy was acquitted of assault, public violence, damaging police property, disturbing the police, and resisting arrest. Kallie's request that the story not be reported to the press, on the grounds that his boxing career in America might be damaged, was turned down, but he was not officially charged. Knoetze was, however, found guilty and fined for "conspiring to defeat the ends of justice" by trying to coerce witnesses not to testify against and identify a fellow officer. A misdemeanor there, the charge is considered obstruction of justice in the United States, a felony. He was also convicted and fined for his part in a barroom brawl.

Knoetze resigned from the police force and became a farmer.

When Madison Square Garden co-promoted, with Chris Dundee, the match between the South African and Bill Sharkey of Howard Beach, New York, protest groups organized, rallied, and picketed. They picketed the Fifth Street Gym in Miami; they picketed CBS, which put up $100,000 for televising the fight; they sent telegrams to President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance asking that Knoetze's visa to the United States be denied, or, if already granted, be revoked on the grounds of moral turpitude. Participating, among others, were the American Committee on Africa (ACOA), the American Coordinating Committee for Equality in Sport and Society (ACCESS), and the International Campaign against Racism in Sport. Well-known names involved were Dennis Brutus, a South African exile now a professor of African literature at Northwestern University, Cary Goodman, a leader of ACCESS, George Houser, executive director of ACOA, Dennis Watson, head of African Affairs for the NAACP, and, most prestigious, the Reverend Jesse Jackson. In a round robin of legal and executive decisions, Madison Square Garden pulled out, CBS said it was committed to the telecast as part of its CBS Sports Spectacular Show, and the visa was revoked after pressure from anti-apartheid groups on the State Department argued that Knoetze symbolized the South African government's racist policies. Judge Norman C. Roettger issued a restraining order the Thursday before the Saturday, January 13, fight, blocking the revocation of Knoetze's visa and setting a hearing on the visa's status for January 22. A request from the State Department for the hearing to take place within 24 hours did not reach Roettger, who was attending a judges' workshop. A five-man Miami Beach Boxing Commission voted 4-0 (Chairman Edward Lassmore abstained) to let the bout go on.

So much for the background. The issue is what is at stake. Do we have a right to deny a man his right to earn his living because of our beliefs, or his beliefs, which are not germane? The case of Muhammad Ali springs instantly to mind. When every agency but *The Ring* Magazine stripped Ali of his title when he refused induction, *The Ring* stoutly maintained that titles are won and lost in the ring. Sonny Liston, refused a license to fight in New York, fought in Pennsylvania and Maine. Ron Lyle did time for manslaughter and James Scott, in the New Jersey State Penitentiary, is allowed to box. The last attribute *The Ring* would wish ascribed to its thinking would be the condoning of any racial discrimination, in South Africa or anywhere else. Should demonstrations be permitted in Skokie, or Olympic Games boycotted after the senseless tragedy in Munich? We tread a delicate line, and one is tempted to agree with Reverend Jackson, who says, "Knoetze represents to me, as a black American citizen, what Hitler and the Nazis represent to the Jewish people."

That is not entirely the point. Neither is whether the match should have been made in the first place. Kallie is rated second in the world by the WBA, fifth by *The Ring*; Sharkey (who, incidentally, has served his time and paid his debt for manslaughter) is rated fifteenth by *The Ring* in its U.S. Ratings. To put it in Red Smith's light vein, maybe the fans should be doing the picketing.

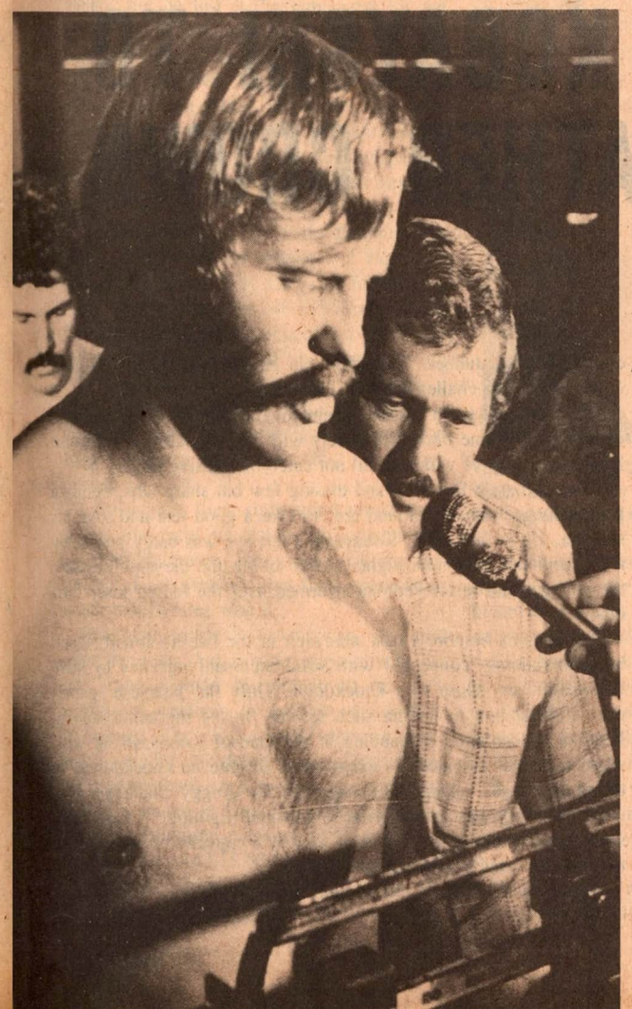
Might Kallie Knoetze, like many policemen before and after him, possibly have experienced that frozen moment when a man is not sure what is self defense, however absurd the moment may appear afterward? We remember Kent State and sicken. We are impelled to rage at the thought of a crippled boy. If boxers are denied the right to fight because of "acts detrimental to boxing," an act against humanity surely deserves that censure. But let us not polarize black against white. This is not Jack Johnson's day when a White Hope could get away with anything short of packing a refrigerator in each glove. But as we hope and pray for the day of lynching to be over, too, we cannot appoint ourselves as lynchers. We can, thank God, choose, in this country, the right to patronize or not patronize.

All of this proves, again, the need for a Federal Boxing Commission which would pass or not pass on a man's right to box in the United States.

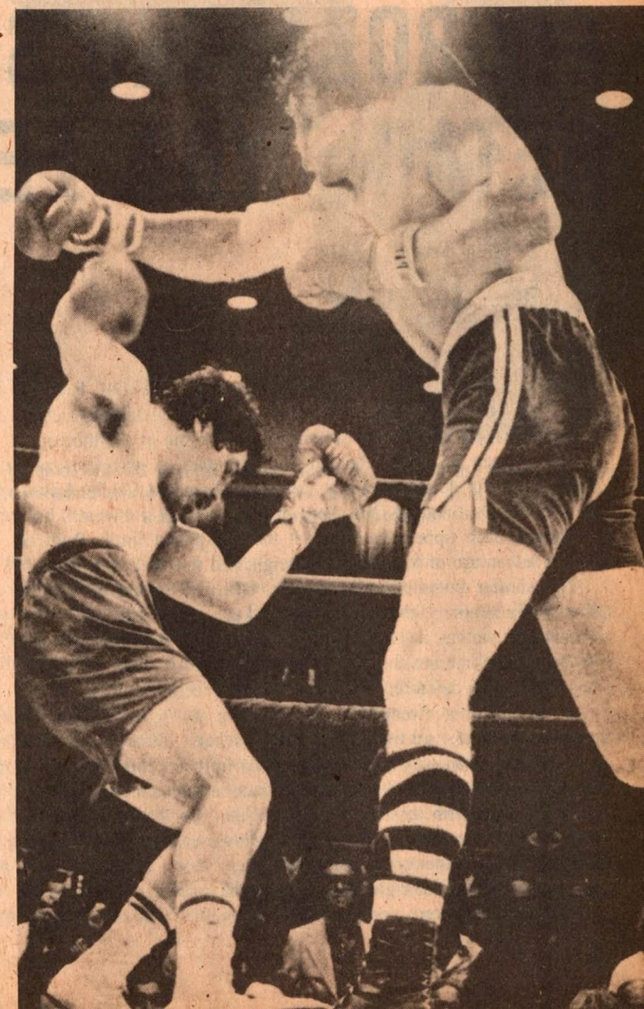
As we go to press, the decision has been postponed again. Judge Roettger, in allowing time for all avenues to be explored, wished to give the defense time to produce an expert witness.

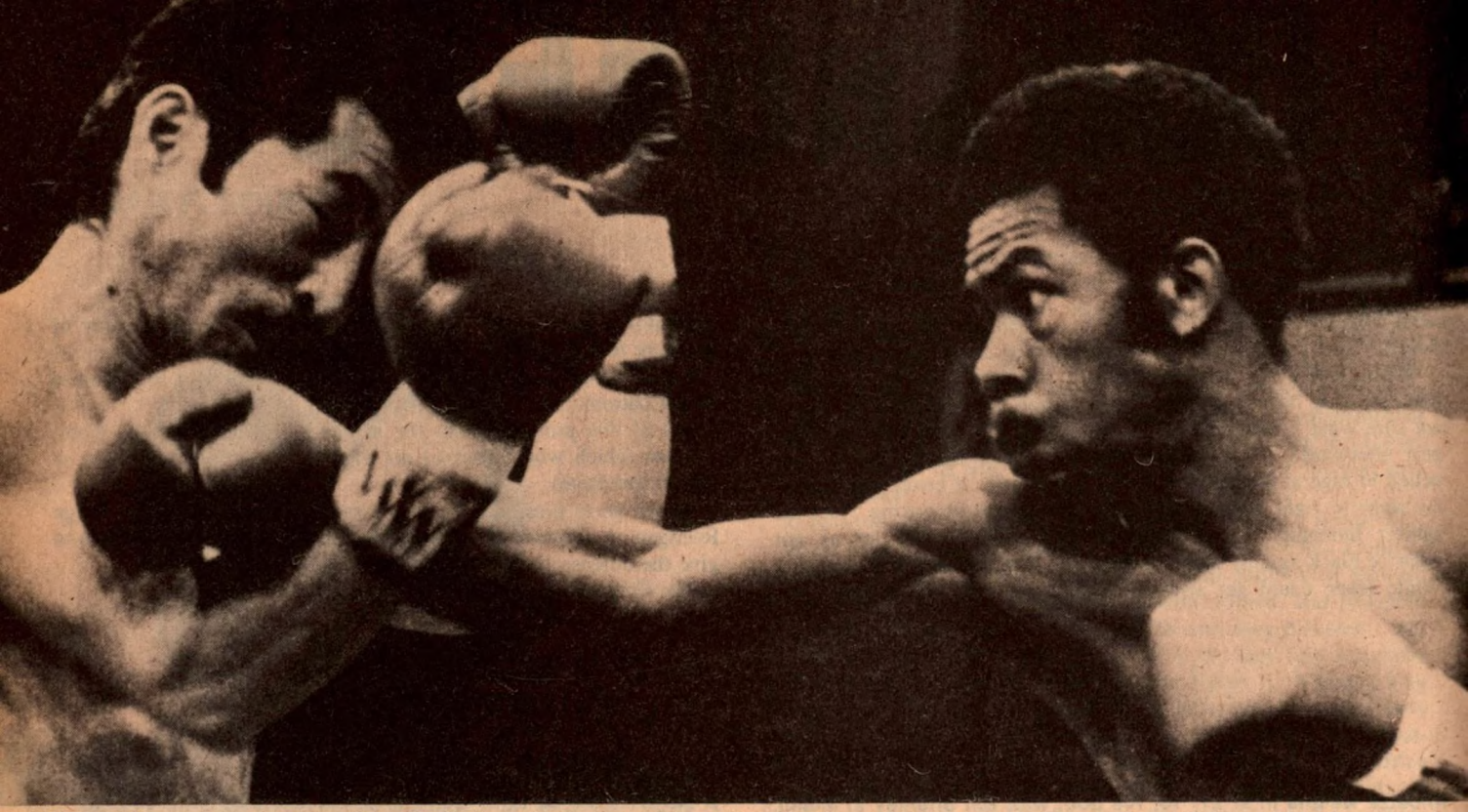
The Ring will report the findings in the next issue.

Knoetze weighs in at 217 for his bout with Bill Sharkey in Miami Beach, Florida. Judge Norman C. Roettger issued a restraining order the Thursday before the fight, blocking the revocation of Knoetze's visa and setting a hearing on the visa's status.



A sledge hammer right sends Sharkey down for a nine count in the fourth round of the scheduled ten-rounder. The referee stopped the contest when Bill made it to his feet.





WBA featherweight champion Eusebio Pedroza lands a straight right to the face of Japanese challenger Royal Kobayashi in the second round of their title bout in Tokyo. Pedroza retained his crown by a technical knockout.

PEDROZA TKO'S KOBAYSHI TO RETAIN WBA FEATHER CROWN

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, JAPAN — Panamanian speedster Eusebio Pedroza made good use of his longer left hand and battered Japanese challenger Royal Kobayashi into submission at the end of the thirteenth round to keep his WBA featherweight throne. It was Pedroza's third successful defense since he dethroned Spaniard Cecilio Lastra by a thirteenth round TKO in April of last year.

Though each tipped the beam at the 126-pound limit, Pedroza had an advantage of four inches in height and five inches in reach.

The shorter but sturdy Kobayashi, OPBF (Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation) champion, was a kayo artist who had iced twenty-two victims in twenty-six previous wins out of thirty bouts. From the opening session, Kobayashi attempted to bore in, weaving inside the defending champ's longer reach. Pedroza, seven years his junior at twenty-two, was moving so vigorously that he could avert almost all of the Japanese puncher's initial attack. The lanky Panamanian was quite an aggressor from the third round on. He threw sharp lefts and rights to the face and breadbasket to take the third and fourth sessions. The fifth canto saw Pedroza begin to respond to Kobayashi at close range. However, the taller champ displayed his superiority at exchanging short blows to hurt Kobayashi with solid right uppercuts to the midsection. The sixth to eighth rounds were dominated by the crafty Pedroza. In round eight, Eusebio, dubbed "Scorpion" in Panama due to his stinging lefts, banged the challenger from every angle.

The ninth and tenth sessions were fought almost on even terms, as Kobayashi came back desperately with his specialty, roundhouse left hooks, most of which could not catch the elusive target.

Using Ali style footwork and tossing few but sharp jabs, Pedroza kept at long distance in round ten, to take a good rest and save his stamina. Up to this stage, Kobayashi's left eye was badly puffed by the Scorpion's poisonous rights. After taking the eleventh session, the younger and faster Pedroza swarmed over the fading loser furiously.

The Panama hombre's best was seen in the twelfth round, when he unmercilessly connected with solid incessant punches to have Kobayashi very close to a knockdown. Only the Japanese gameness allowed him to endure such assault. In the thirteenth stanza, Pedroza concentrated on jabbing at the face of Kobayashi at will, while the latter revealed his exhaustion. Despite no knockdowns in the proceedings, Takahashi, manager of the groggy challenger, admitted his boy was in no shape to continue fighting. His decision was wise enough. It was received well by a capacity crowd of three thousand customers at Korakuen Hall.

Official scoresheets might account for the stoppage. Prior to that,

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BENITEZ WHIPS PALOMINO TO WIN WELTER TITLE

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

When undefeated Wilfredo Benitez of Puerto Rico defeated Carlos Palomino of Los Angeles on a split decision to take the World Boxing Council welterweight championship in a 15 round bout, it opened up the possibility of a future bout to decide the best welterweight in the world, pound-for-pound.

Benitez, who advanced to championship rating in *The Ring* Magazine listings, now has a bright future of proving himself the best of his division over the likes of Roberto Duran and Antonino "Kid Pambele" Cervantes of Columbia, considered the other two heavy hitters moving into the welterweight triangle.

For Benitez, it was the second championship victory in his home territory of Puerto Rico. In 1976, he became the youngest boxer ever to win a world championship when he took the World Boxing Association junior welterweight championship from Cervantes, but he lost it the same year for not giving the Columbian a rematch. He was only seventeen at the time.

The victory over Palomino was Benitez's 37th career win. He is still undefeated with one draw and he received $90,000 for his winning effort. You can be sure his part of the purse will be much higher in his next defense.

Benitez took the title from Palomino by getting the nod from referee Jay Edson of Miami and judge Harry Gibbs of England by votes of 148-143 and 146-143. Judge Zach Clayton of Philadelphia scored it 145-142 for Palomino. The result of the Clayton vote drew surprise from many quarters and a howl by promoter Bob Arum, staging his first title Show in Puerto Rico, where Don King is better known for his promotions there.

"Nobody in their right mind could have scored that fight for Palomino," Arum said "I know Palomino. He was a great champion, but if you watched that fight, there is no doubt that Benitez won it."

Palomino, a Mexican-American, admitted after the fight that Benitez was "much faster," and blamed his defeat on his nine months of inactivity as a result of a broken right hand. The 29-year old Palomino, making his eighth title defense, found his punching power neutralized by Benitez' quickness and was unable to land any really damaging punches. Palomino received $450,000 to defend his title and $15,000 in expenses.

While the victory was not quite as sweet, financially, it fulfilled one of Benitez' goals.

The fast moving left hand of Wilfred Benitez sends sweat flying from the face of Carlos Palomino in their fifteen-round world welterweight title bout in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Wilfred won the 147-pound title with a split, but hardly close, decision.

He had said before the fight, "I hope to emulate Carlos Ortiz, who is the only Puerto Rican to win two championships, the lightweight and the junior welterweight titles.

The New York-born Benitez, who now lives in the outskirts of San Juan, brought the crowd to its feet in the ninth round when he stunned the champion with a flurry of rights and lefts as they came out of a clinch.

Palomino, who weighed 146½ took the offensive in the middle rounds, advancing almost continuously against the 146-pound challenger, who is nine years his junior.

In the latter part of the fight, when Palomino is usually most effective, Benitez fought frequently off the ropes, scoring with counter punches to Palomino's head.

Benitez's best round was the 14th, when he leaned against the ropes for the last half-minute, easily blocking Palomino's jabs and crosses and catching Palomino in the head with his own combinations.

Benitez fought a smart fight. He covered well, blocking or dodging Palomino's powerful left hand and keeping the champion back with long left jabs and flurries of lefts and rights in close range fighting.

Asked what he planned to do, Benitez said. "I'm going to keep on training. I have a job to do and that is my job."

CERVANTES BEATS MONTILLA FOR JUNIOR WELTER TITLE

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. — Antonio Cervantes, one of the all-time great boxing mechanics, won the vacant world junior welterweight title by pounding out a unanimous decision over the Dominican Republic's Miguel Montilla, 138, in fifteen rounds at Madison Square Garden.

The pro-Montilla crowd went into hysterics every time their idol threw a punch, but only in the third, fourth, and fifth rounds did the Dominican launch an effective and sustained attack.

"Kid Pambele," as Cervantes, who weighed 140, is known to fight fans in his native Colombia, is still beautiful to watch. He picked Miguel apart and caught him coming in with combinations. Every punch Cervantes threw seemed to be part of a gigantic script designed to reduce his opponent to a blood-soaked plaything. Montilla was game to the end, but it required a total of fourteen stitches to close four cuts on his face.

Cervantes was an easy winner, but the fans, unhappy, sent two bottles into the ring area. One of them hit a visiting official from the Dominican Republic. He required two stitches, twelve less than Montilla. It looked like it might turn into another riot, but the fans soon simmered down.

The official scoring was as follows: referee Jesus Celis, 145-143; judge Rodolfo Hill, 147-142; and judge Tony Castellano, a surprisingly close 143-142. I had it 146-142, Cervantes.

New York State Athletic Commission chairman Jack Prenderville cooperated with the World Boxing Association, which "sanctioned" the bout, by allowing the WBA to appoint two of the officials (Celis and Hill) and by having the fight scored by the ten-point "must" system, as opposed to New York's rounds and supplementary points way of doing it.

In a semi-main ten-rounder, former world bantam champion Alfonso Zamora, 120½, won a split decision over Santurce, Puerto Rico's Luis Rosario, also 120½. Referee Tony Perez had it 5-4-1, Rosario, but he was overrruled by judges Eva Shane and Artie Aidala, who scored it 5-5 (6-5 in points) and, wonder of wonders, 7-2-1, respectively, for Zamora. I had it 6-2-2, Rosario. Alfonso never stopped trying, but was slow in getting off his punches, few of which got home effectively. The man from Puerto Rico jabbed and counterpunched him silly and Zamora was a battered mess at the fight's end. In all fairness, many in the press rows had it for Zamora. It takes all kinds of scoring to make a fight game.

Two other scheduled ten-rounders opened and closed the show. The opener saw Hugo Rengifo, 137, Caracas, Venezuela, knock out Roy Taylor, 130½, in 2:47 of the first round. In the last bout of the evening, Dominican junior middleweight champion Jesus Castro, 151¾, used Sergio Lozano, 156¾, Mexico, for a punching bag. A left hook dropped Lozano in the first round, another left hook floored him in the second, and a right hand decked him in the third. In the fourth, another right put Sergi on the deck again. He got up and a left hook put him in the seventh heaven. He wavered slightly for two seconds and then collapsed to the canvas. Referee Vincent Rainone

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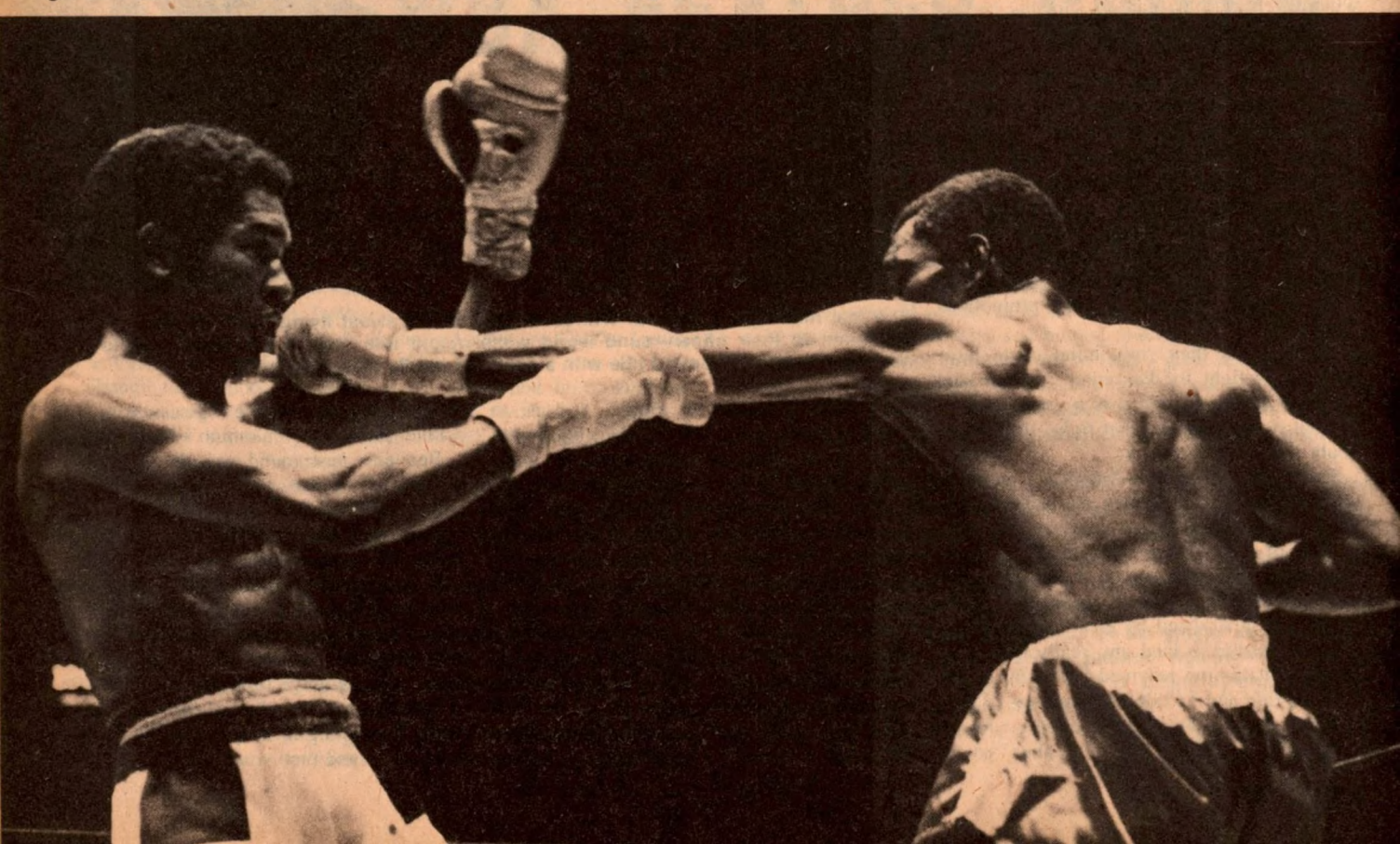
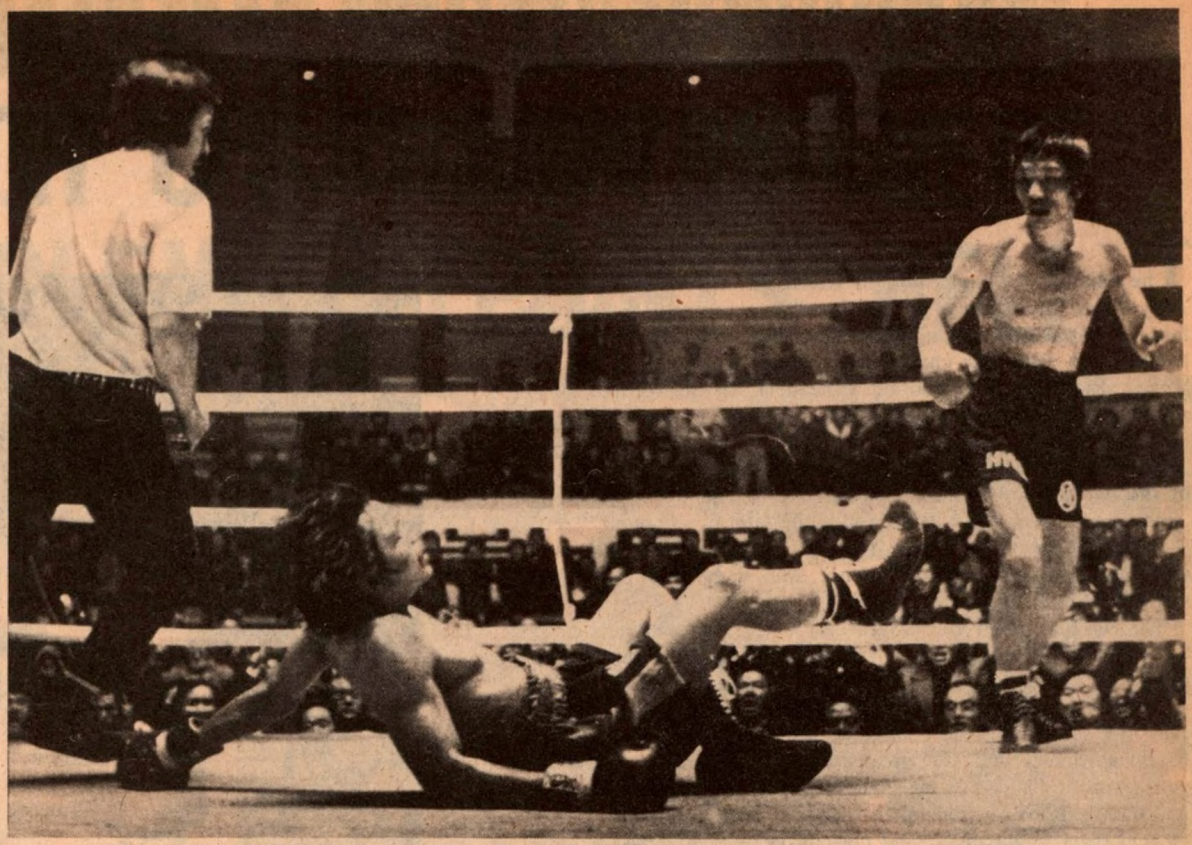
Antonio Cervantes shoots a long left to the mouth of Miguel Montilla in their fifteen-rounder at Madison Square Garden. Cervantes gained a unanimous decision to win the world junior welterweight title left vacant by Wildred Benitez.





Kim Sang-Hyun of South Korea takes a last look at Thailand's Saensak Muangsurin after connecting with a left to the head. Muangsurin was counted out by referee Carlos Padilla at 2:05 of the thirteenth round. Kim thus became the new WBC junior welterweight champion.

KIM SANG-HYUN KO'S MUANGSURIN

By LEE PEY-JOH

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA — Kim Sang-Hyun startled the boxing world with an upset thirteenth round knockout over World Boxing Council Junior welterweight champion, Saensak Muangsurin.

The scheduled fifteen-round title fight came to a stunning halt at 2:05 of the thirteenth round, when Kim Sang-Hyun connected with a looping left to Muangsurin's head that dropped the Thailand boxer to the canvas in the center of the ring.

The champion lay motionless on his back as American referee Carlos Padilla counted him out. It was Kim's twenty-fifth win against two losses and two draws in his professional career. The Korean became the Oriental junior welterweight champion with a decision over Moises Cantoja of the Philippines on Sept. 23.

This was Kim's first shot at a world title and he finished out the year in grand style as he completely overwhelmed the Thai boxer from the opening bell.

It was the sixth defense of the crown for Muangsurin who had won the W.B.C. junior welterweight bauble with a tenth round knockout over Perico Fernandez on July 15, 1975. In a return bout in Madrid, Muangsurin beat Fernandez again, by fifteen-round decision in June of 1977.

Sang Hyun-Kim proved a capable performer in gaining the W.B.C. title, but he will have to retain his fighting edge if he fights a return bout with Maungsurin. In the past, the latter has been successful in return title bouts. In 1976 Maungsurin lost his crown on a foul in the fourth round to Miguel Valesquez, but four months later he won the crown back with a second round KO over Valesquez. Only three of his bouts have gone the fifteen-round championship decision.

However, the new WBC champion wears his crown confidently. Following his victory, Kim said of his opponent: "Maungsurin is a good fighter. However, I feel I proved I am the best in the world. I'm proud of the championship and I intend to keep it for a long while. I don't mean through inactivity. I want to be known as a fighting champion. I feel I've brought new blood into the division and anyone who thinks they're better will have a chance to prove it—including Muangsurin, if a return bout is arranged."

The new ruler has a busy, free-wheeling style and enjoys mixing with an opponent. He had no fear in his bout with Muangsurin as he sent in waves of punches and outboxed Muangsurin in many of the rounds.

With twenty-five professional wins under his belt with two losses and two draws, Kim has had plenty of ring experience and may prove a tough nut to crack for those who have designs on his crown.

GUSHIKEN STOPS MARCANO TO RETAIN WBA JR. FLY TITLE

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

The Municipal Gymnasium in Kawasaki, fifteen miles west of Tokyo, was the scene of Yoko Gushiken's seventh successful defense of his World Boxing Association junior flyweight title. The twenty-three year old champ from Japan knocked out his challenger, Rigoberto Marcano of Venezuela, in 36 seconds of the seventh round with a series of left hooks and straight rights to the jaw of Marcano.

The 27-year old Marcano sank to his knees from the sheer fury of the two-fisted attack and was unable to rise to his feet as the American referee, Tony Perez, tolled the fateful ten count.

It was the second meeting of the pair. In their first fight, which was Gushiken's second title defense, the champ won a split decision over Marcano.

This is Marcano's fourth year as a pro and with this loss to Gushiken his record stands at 16 victories, 9 by knockout, and four losses.

Going into his title challenge he was given a good chance to even the score with the champ. In their previous meeting his 1" height advantage and 1½" greater reach had kept the champ from getting inside and made the contest a very close one. In their second outing, however, Gushiken was able to crack through his challenger's jabs to get inside and play havoc with Marcano's midsection.

Gushiken took a clear lead as early as the third round when he scored heavily with lefts and rights to Marcano's face and by the fifth the champion was moving inside. As Marcano said, "I was hurt by a left hook to my stomach in the fifth round. . . . I wanted to win but he (Gushiken) was just too strong for me."

In round four the champion from Okinawa sent his challenger back to the ropes with a vicious left to the face and followed up with a flurry of lefts and rights that had Marcano ready to drop and he was only saved by the bell ending the round.

In the fifth round Marcano took a hard right to the nose which drew blood and the injury bled on and off to the end of the contest.

Up to the sixth round Tony Perez, using the ten point must system, had Gushiken ahead 60-54. The Venezuelan judge, Fernando Viso, had Marcano leading 59-57 and the Japanese judge, Yusaku Yoshida, had it 60-54 for Gushiken.

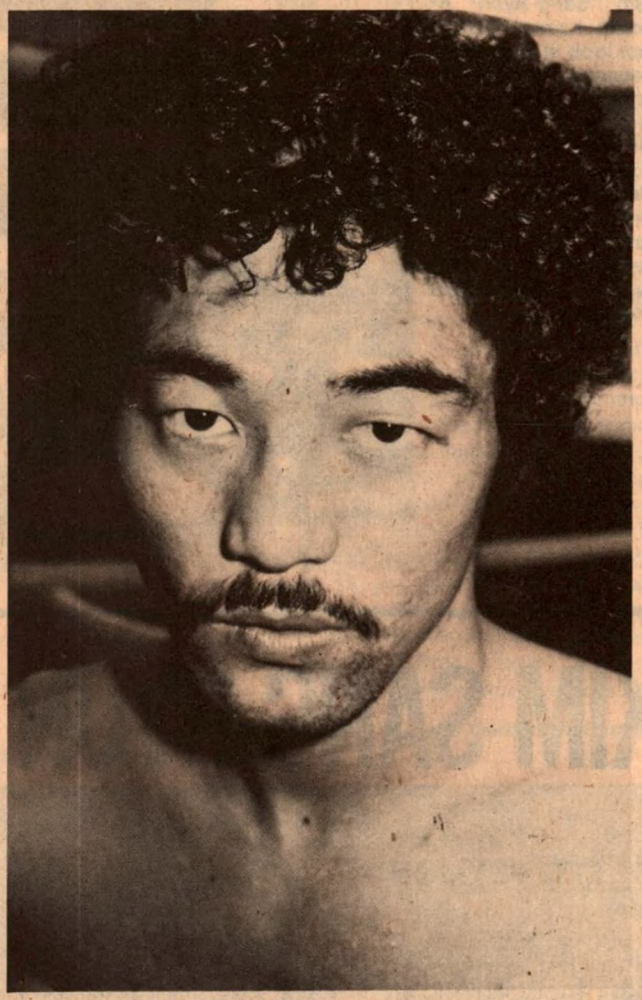
This was Gushiken's 17th straight victory since turning pro in 1974 and his 12th knockout. Since winning the title on October 10, 1976, when he knocked out Juan Guzman in 7, he has had eight fights, 7 of them title defenses, and has kayoed six of those to face him.

The heavy-handed Japanese slugger had the estimated crowd of 6,000 on their feet applauding several times during the fight as he carried the fight to Marcano, willing to allow his challenger to score with his jabs as he drove forward determined to gain a knockout at all costs. That he succeeded is now history, and the fans loved every minute of the fight that didn't have a dull minute.

Due credit must be given to Marcano for fighting a scientific contest in which there was no doubt as to his desire to win the crown even if he had to take a beating to do so. A beating he took, and the issue was decided, as Marcano said himself, "by the overpowering strength of the champion."

After the contest Marcano stated: "Gushiken is a great champion." He added: "You know, it is the first time that I have ever suffered a knockout defeat."

Gushiken weighed in at 107¾ pounds to Marcano's 107. But a source close to the champion said that he had been having trouble making the weight and that after his next title defense in April or possibly May, that he was seriously thinking of moving up to take a crack at the flyweight title currently held by Miguel Canto. However, since Canto is recognized by the WBC, it seems improbable that Gushiken will make the move that would get him in bad with the WBA, who recognizes him in the jr. flyweight spot. The WBC recognizes Kim Sung of Korea as their jr. flyweight champion, who, incidently is defending his title as we go to press.



Yoko Gushiken, who retained his WBA junior flyweight title for the seventh time by halting Rigoberto Marcano in the seventh round.

Before attempting to move up from a flyweight shot it would be of marked advantage if Gushiken could take on the WBC jr. flyweight champion and dispose of him, thereby making his challenge for the flyweight crown receive greater consideration by the "Powers That Be."

Yoko stated that he would be at ringside for the W.B.A. flyweight championship bout between countryman Shoji Oguma and champion Betulio Gonzalez of Venezuela. This is the third time Gonzalez has boxed in Japan. "I saw the first two bouts he had against Oguma, May 20, 1974, when Betulio lost a ten round nod and Oct. 1, 1974, when Gonzalez retained his title on a 15 round decision. Even then I knew someday we might both meet."

WEAVER TAKES OUT WARD FOR U.S. HEAVY TITLE; MOSLEY OUTPOINTS BELL

By JOHN ORT

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Both Mike Weaver and Rocky Mosley Jr. put on a great performance at the Sahara Hotel Space Center for promoter Tony Trudnich.

Weaver won the vacant U.S. heavyweight championship when Stan Ward, Sacramento, Calif., failed to come out for the tenth round. Under Nevada rules, it goes into the record book as a nine round kayo. The title was declared vacant, when Ali regained the world title, Sept. 15, 1978.

Mosley defended his U.S. junior middleweight title against Detroit's Wilson Bell. Rocky won a close and hard fought 12 round decision.

The sellout crowd at the Sahara Space Center was rooting for young Mike Weaver. Stan Ward, Sacramento, Calif., was the betting favored, due to a twelve-round decision over Weaver in Jan. 1978, in Stan's hometown of Sacramento. Mike's people stated before the contest that Stan's win over Weaver was a hometown decision.

The U.S. title fite proved that Weaver was the better man this time, but one cannot say that Mike had an easy time of it. Ward started out fast, scoring well to the head and body of Weaver for the first five rounds. Weaver was going to the body in the early rounds and letting Stan pile up a nice lead.

Mike started to come on from the sixth round. The body shots started to slow down Ward and Weavers' left jab started to land.

The eight round turned the contest in favor of Weaver. He landed with left jabs to the face and backed it up with hard rights to the head. Mike was now putting it together and, with a right hand lead, open a cut below the left eye of Ward. Before the round came to an end he landed a left-right combo which stagged Ward.

Weaver kept the pressure on Ward in the ninth and it was just a matter of time before Ward would be counted out.

Under the advice of ring physician Dr. Donald Romeo, referee Joey Curtis stopped the contest after the ninth round, when Ward complained of double vision.

Ward's trainer Bill Slayton stated afterward that Weaver accidentally thumbed Ward in the eye?

Mike is now looking over offers to defend the U.S. championship against North

Stan Ward lands a right to the head of Mike Weaver. Ward stopped Weaver at the end of nine to win the U.S. heavyweight title.

American king Leroy Jones, San Diego, Calif., who he lost a close twelve-round nod to in 1978. Others on the list are Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis, Willie Shannon, Orlando and Gerrie Cooney, New York.

Making his first defense of the junior middleweight championship he won from Alvin Anderson in the same Sahara Ring two months earlier, Rocky Mosley found the going really tough.

The Rock was looking forward to boxing Edgar Ross, but the Orlando based boxer still stays away from him. So he decided to give young Bell a shot. They boxed four months earlier with Mosley gaining a split nod.

Well Rocky, 154, got more then he bargained for as Bell came to win. Wilson, 154, won the first two rounds, scoring with lead rights to the head and left jabs to the face of the stunned Mosley.

From round three until the ninth the bout was all Rocky's. He boxed the pressing Bell, scoring with left jabs and right head counters.

The sixth round was the turning point in this bouts for Mosley. Both boxers clashed heads with Bell coming away with a bad cut over the right eye and Rocky with a little cut over his right eye. The cut seems to slow Bell down, who looked tired after the fourth. But the corner stopped the bleeding for the rest of the bout.

Bell shocked the Space Center by coming back to win the last three rounds over a tired Mosley. Rocky had trouble making the 154-pound limit and it started to hurt him at the end of the eighth round. If Bell could have put two punches together he could have pulled the contest out. He had Rocky hurt from lead right hands in the tenth but let Mosley get away.

The scoring of the bout: Judges Harold Buck, and Duane Ford had it 56-52, Mosley; Judge Mike Kaplan scored it 56-53, for Rocky. The ring scored it 55-53, Mosley.

Rocky's next defense? He hopes to get North American junior middleweight king Edgar Ross, if not him, Johnny Sullivan, Portland, Ore. Jerry Cheatman, Phoenix, Ariz., or Ray Phillips, Dallas, Texas.

In the opening bout of the evening Howard Jackson, 146½, put the end to a career of a nice guy when he decked Kevin Morgan, Las Vegas, three times in round two to be awarded a TKO victory. This was Kevin's second straight defeat and the young man will hang up the gloves for good.

This was the Sahara's and Tony Trudnich's second promotion of a Ring U.S. championship contest. They are now hoping

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LEONARD ICES GANT

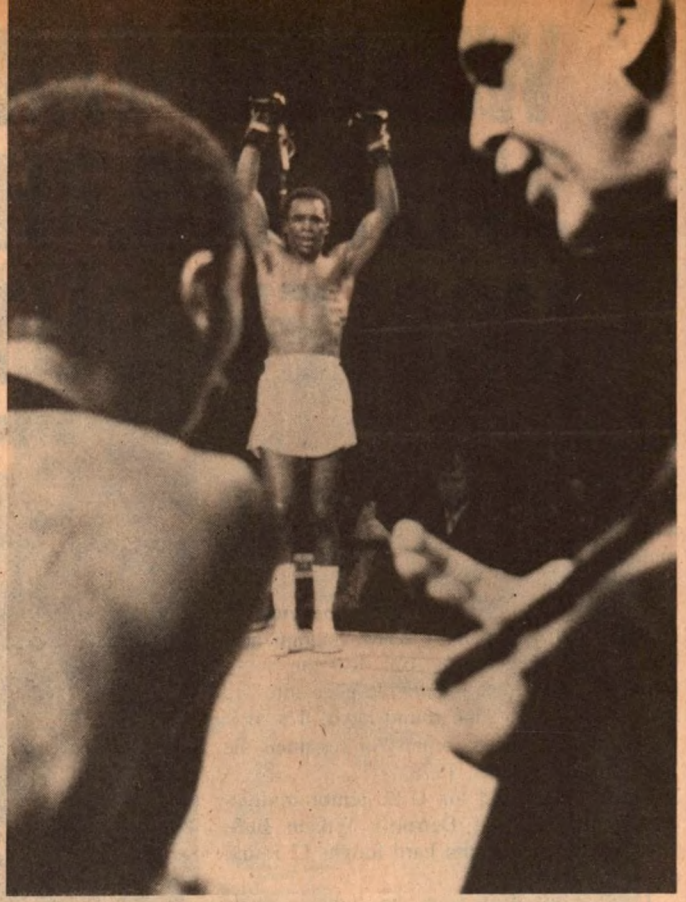
By ED SCULLEN

Welterweight sensation Sugar Ray Leonard eased a step closer to a world title bout when he stopped veteran Johnny Gant with a bristling left hook near the end of the eighth round. Leonard, who hails from the Washington, D.C. suburb of Palmer Park, Maryland, and Gant, who lives in the nation's capital, drew a record crowd of 19,773 to Landover's Capital Centre in order to witness what was billed as the Mid-Atlantic welterweight championship.

Since both Leonard and Gant are local heroes and are ranked third and fourth in the world, respectively, that Mid-Atlantic bit appeared unnecessary, but what the heck, public relations people have to pay their rent, too. The twenty-nine-year-old Gant is a veteran, with fifty-nine pro bouts under his belt including a world title shot against former WBA welterweight champion Angel Espada. He needed and used every bit of this experience to survive until the eighth round because Leonard dominated the fight from the very beginning and the only round which was scored even was the seventh, when Sugar Ray decided to cadillac a little bit while he got his second wind.

Sugar Ray, who scaled 146 to Gant's 144, abandoned the standard feel-them-out first round and opened up quickly. Indeed, when he wasn't beating Gant to the punch with cat quick combinations at center ring, he was dominating him along the ropes as well. Although Leonard stopped Gant in the eighth round with a left hook, he actually set him up for it in the second, when he not only began to reach Gant with overhand rights, but was hurting him to boot.

On the undercard, heavyweight Malik Dozier was awarded a kayo victory when his opponent, Quinnie Locklear, suffered an elbow injury at the end of the first round. Derrick Holmes halted Tony Hernandez, six; Warren Fortune whipped Bud Becker, six.

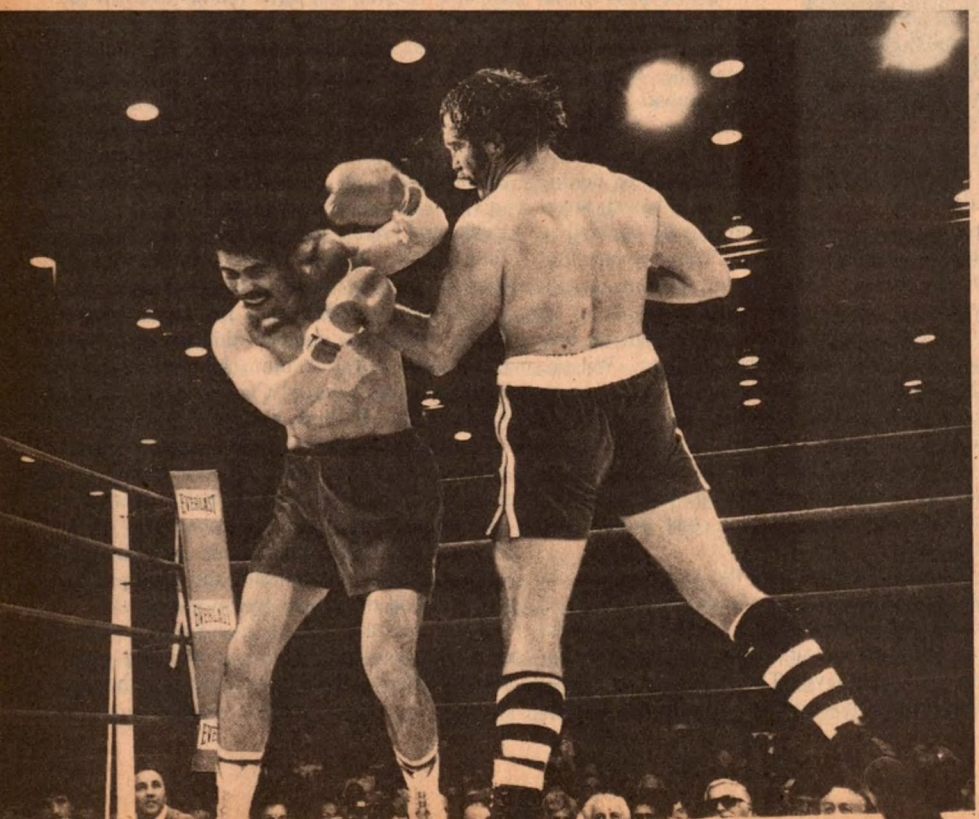


Sugar Ray Leonard raises his arms in victory as referee Joe Bunsa counts over Johnny Gant. Leonard stopped Gant in the eighth.

KNOETZE KAYOES SHARKEY

Kallie Knoetze catches Bill Sharkey with a left hook in their scheduled ten-rounder in Miami Beach. South African Knoetze stopped his man in the fourth round.

By STEVEN C. LOSCH



It was a poor man's version of the Schmeling-Braddock controversy, and like Herr Max, Kallie Knoetze has a blitzkrieg right hand, but that is the only similiarity between Knoetze and Schmeling, or any other championship caliber fighter. The South African heavyweight with the mutton chop whiskers, chopped down Bill Sharkey, 197, in four one-sided rounds in Miami. But the little converted street fighter from Howard Beach, N.Y. was tailor-made for the 217-pound Knoetze. Kallie is ranked no. two in the world by W.B.A. Sharkey occupies the no. eleven slot because he held Scott LeDoux to a draw, but in reality, he is only a good club fighter.

Knoetze's American debut was nearly cancelled when the United States State Department refused to grant Knoetze the "H" visa required to work in the United States. The Government's decision, announced four days before the fight, was a reaction to a protest lodged by two black civil groups—P.U.S.H. and the NAACP. Jesse Jackson, leader of P.U.S.H. called Knoetze, "a sym-

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NORTH AMERICANS ON THE MOVE

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SPECIAL SECTION

SCOTT FRANK
NEW JERSEY HEAVYWEIGHT KING

By STEVEN C. LOSCH

The aging champion had done battle with the best heavyweights of his generation—Liston, Terrell, and Foreman—but his skills had diminished considerably. He would have to resort to every clever trick that he had learned in over half a hundred professional outings to emerge victorious in what many felt would be his last defense of the crown that he had worn for so many years. The young, brash challenger had recently turned pro, after a fine, televised amateur career. With fewer than ten paid fights under his belt, he figured to be hard pressed if the fight went beyond ten rounds. The fight did go beyond ten rounds, but when it was over there was a new champion. Can you guess the names of the aging title-holder and the young challenger?

If you guessed Muhammad Ali and Leon Spinks you were correct, but if you guessed Chuck Wepner and Scott Frank you were also right. The *deja vu* battle was waged on September 26th of this year at "Ice World" in Totowa, New Jersey. Twenty-year-old Scott Frank of Oakland, N.J., a mere four-bout pro who had never gone beyond six rounds, stunned Garden State boxing pundits by taking the New Jersey heavyweight championship from perennial title holder, forty-year-old Chuck Wepner, via a unanimous twelve-round decision.

Frank refused to be intimidated—by the myth that ring endurance can only be acquired gradually and by Wepner's reputation. Scott took control of the fight in the opening heat and never relinquished it. Even after Chuck had absorbed dozens of sharp jabs, short hooks, and jolting rights with his face in the first half of the contest, many ringsiders were certain that fatigue would eventually overcome the challenger. But in the eighth frame, when he should have been gasping for air, the kid was still doing all of the punching and Wepner had to struggle mightily to remain upright. And it continued like that, until manager Al Braverman pleaded in vain for Chuck to quit. At the final gong, Wepner had a broken nose and two cut, black and blue eyes that were almost swollen shut. He looked like a Chinese circus clown whose makeup had been ruined by rain.

The famed Wepner rabbit punch that had literally chopped down the "Bayonne Bomber's" two previous opponents never bothered Scott Frank. Trainer Ace Marotta had prepared the youngster by repeatedly dropping a medicine ball on the back of his neck in the gym!

Scott Frank made his professional debut on May 2nd of last year, after a relatively brief, but successful, amateur career. Scott's "Simon Pure" record was 25-4, including nineteen KO's and a big win over Peter Husing, the 1972 Olympic bronze medal winner and former European amateur champion. In 1977, he captured the New Jersey Golden Gloves title. Scott has been stopped only once in his thirty six amateur and professional outings, and that was because of a butt cut. As a pro, his record is 6-0, with four KO's.

Frank gained national recognition when he appeared in a short series of televised bouts as a member of the U.S. international amateur team. His present manager, Lou Duva, has been with him from the very beginning. Duva originally planned to send his fighter to the 1980 Olympics, but the youngster refused to wait.

The chubby Scott Frank who slugged and lumbered across the nation's television screens last winter is not the Scott Frank who handed seasoned pro Chuck Wepner the worst beating of his long career. The new Frank is a smarter, quicker fighter, with a vastly improved left jab and the ability to hook off of it. The difference is his veteran trainer, Chickie Ferrara, who guided Dick

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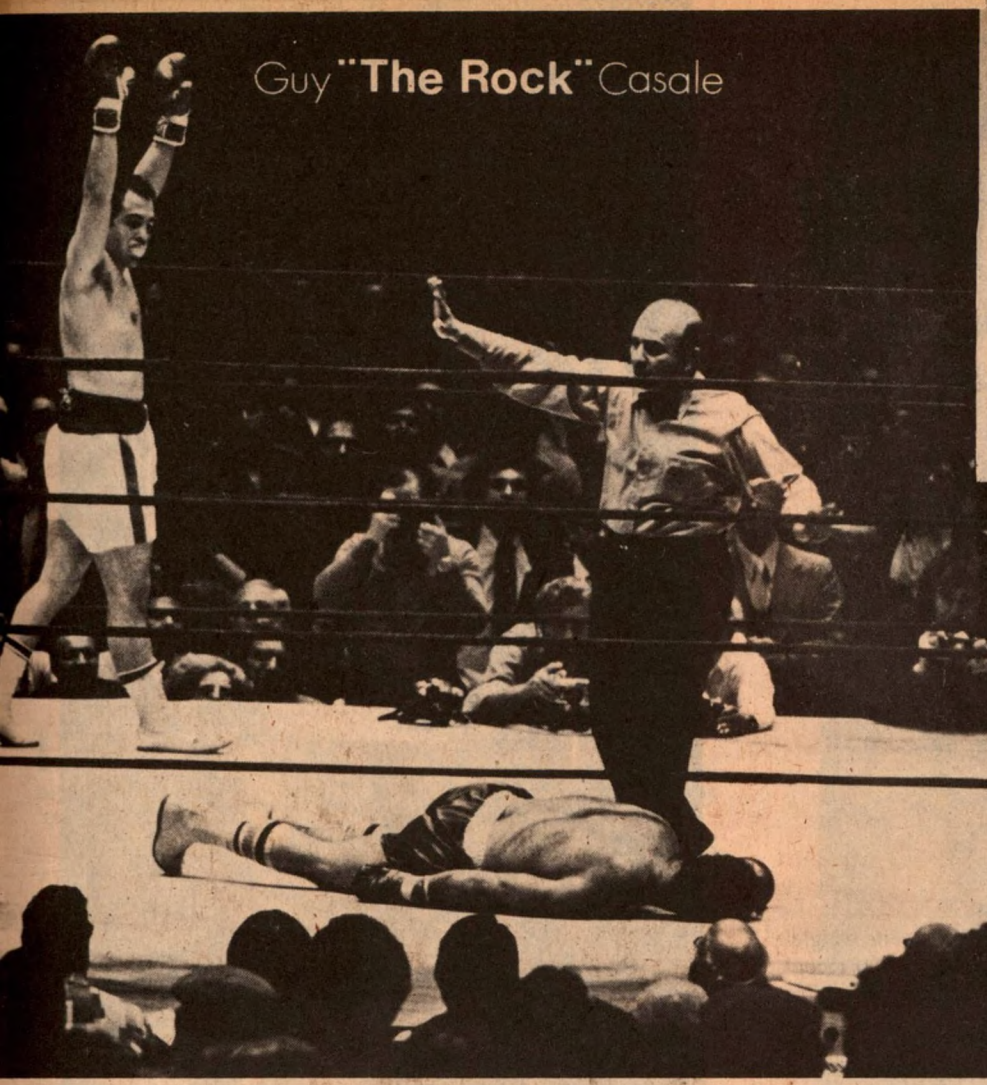
Scott Frank raises both his hands in victory after beating Chuck Wepner for the New Jersey heavyweight title in Totowa, N.J.



(Left) Bobby Halpern is out cold, the victim of a right hand thrown by Guy Casale at Madison Square Garden. (Above) Guy "The Rock" Casale, sensational young heavyweight managed by Nick Baffi.

GUY CASALE: "THE ROCK"

By HOWARD DOLGON

GUY "The Rock" Casale won't dazzle you with fancy footwork, and he won't impress you with awesome knockout punching power. But the fast-rising young heavyweight, known to friends and foes as "Rocky," has established himself as not just another fighter with a very common nickname.

Basically, it's your typical boxing story. A young kid laces on the gloves for the first time, and vows never to take them off until he becomes a world champion.

"We were in a gym," Casale remembers. "My friend was boxing and I asked him to show me how to fight. He said, 'C'mon, we'll put on the gloves.' Once I put the gloves on I started liking it."

He has not taken off the gloves since. As an amateur, Casale captured the Spanish Golden Gloves championship, and reached the finals in the New York City Golden Gloves. Professionally, he has reversed the lone setback in his fifteen-fight career.

Casale is under the tutelage of veteran fight manager Nick Baffi, who learned about Rocky by word of mouth.

"I was a checker down at the piers," said Baffi, who is at Gleason's Gym in New York daily to watch Rocky train. "An ex-fighter of mine told me he knew a kid who wanted to be a fighter. I saw him. He was very awkward but had spirit. He wanted to do something.

"He's come along very rapidly. He was a very crude fighter, he had no style. Naturally everything takes time and you need experience."

Rocky has gained experience by beating the likes of Bill Connell, Tom Healy and revenging his earlier loss to Richard Roy by pounding out an eight-round decision. But perhaps his most memorable moment occurred when he faced ex-convict Bobby Halpern in the main event on a card of "club fighters" at Madison Square Garden.

Halpern was a 44-year-old who was making a dramatic return to the fighting ranks following seventeen years behind bars. Casale was treated like just another 22-year-old kid, in the ring with a man old enough to be his father. The publicity preceding the bout cen-

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"IRISH" SEAN MANNION, NEW WELTERWEIGHT SENSATION

By TOM ALLAN

"IRISH" Sean Mannion, young Irish import welterweight fighting out of South Boston, Mass., sports a healthy 8-0-0 record since turning pro this past summer, wining his last three out of five bouts by knockouts in the early rounds. His latest k.o. victim was Jose Ortiz, hard hitting welterweight from New Haven, Conn., who was starched in the fifth round at the New Haven Auditorium. Mannion's last bout was a return with Ortiz at the Boston Garden on November 11, which he won on points. Their first battle was a slam-bang affair before Ortiz was chilled.

Young Mannion was a representative with the National Irish Boxing Team this past April when Jim Connolly, formerly of the Connolly Boxing Gym, spotted something in the young Irishman and took him under his wing, converting him into a switch hitter.

Rip Valenti, Boston boxing promoter, has been high on this young Irishman and has used him on all his pro cards since the kid entered the pay ranks. Outside the ring, Mannion is easy going and gentle, but he's a tiger from bell to bell once inside the ropes. He comes to fight and doesn't back off to anyone. That's what makes him a drawing card, and he's acquired many fans. He is handsome, twenty years old, unspoiled, has a gentle disposition, and is single, which accounts for much of his female following.

Sean Mannion was born in Rosmuc Connemara County, Galway, Ireland, and trains at the newly built gym at the Milton Youth Boxing Center in Milton, Mass., a suburb of Boston.

Sharing his sparring duties is "Irish" Danny Long, a newcomer to the pro ranks and a former Golden Glove and N.E. A.A.U. champion, "Irish" Johnny Bowen, the fourth ranked U.S. junior welterweight contender, Tony Petronelli, and many others.

"Irish" Sean Mannion, South Boston welter, strikes a boxing pose in the newly built gym at the Milton Youth Boxing Center in Milton, Mass., a suburb of Boston.

CHRIS RIZZO: FAST FLORIDA LIGHTWEIGHT LOOKS AHEAD

By MICKEY DAVIES

It can be said of Chris Rizzo that, as a young teen in his adopted home town of St. Petersburg, he displayed an utter dislike for any "contact" sport.

Rizzo always turned down offers from his neighborhood chums to engage in a little sand lot football scrimmage, or a few innings of hard ball, for that matter. Most of the time he would sneak away on his own and take a dip in the school pool, where there was very little danger of injury occuring.

He fostered the feeling during his grammar school and junior high days, until one day, just by chance, he was able to view the films of the first great encounter between Ali and Smokin' Joe. Right then and there, he was smitten with the whole excitement of boxing.

Young Chris (he was fifteen at the time) conned his dad into buying him a set of boxing gloves. After getting the gloves, he proceeded to tour the area, sparring with just about anyone who was willing to don the padded mittens against him. On his own, with very little coaching, Chris became very adept in the art of busting an opponent's beak.

One day, the youngster was approached by a St. Pete boxing buff who asked him if he'd like to appear on an amateur boxing bill at nearby Tampa. Rizzo relished the idea of appearing before a large crowd, and he won his first encounter, much to the joy of his parents and pals who were in attendance. Later, he added twenty-four additional scalps to his belt while engaging in thirty-six contests as a simon pure performer.

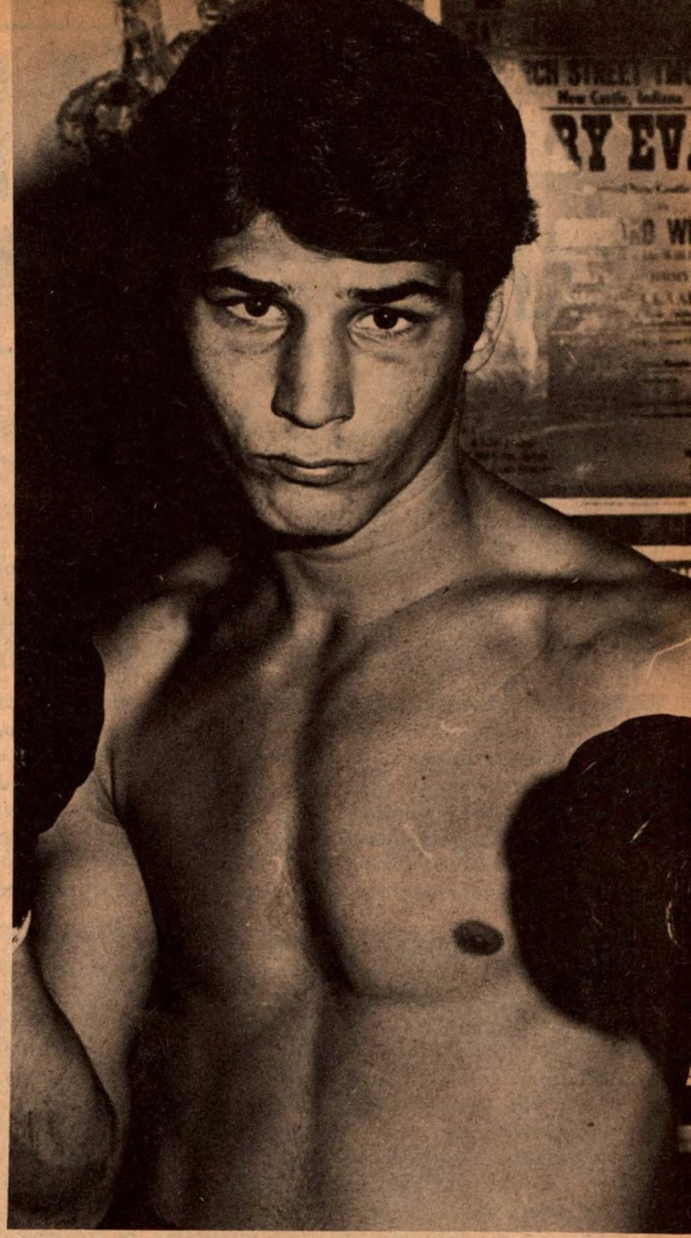
It was at one of these cards that manager Pete Ashlock caught Rizzo in action—in a losing effort, incidentally.

"I was really impressed with the kid's ring generalship," relates the veteran manager and promoter. "He proved to me he had the potential to become a top fighter—perhaps, a champion," Pete concluded.

Ashlock tucked the former New Yorker (Rochester) under his wing, and he, along with trainer Dom Polo have guided the lad through seven victories, against a single loss, as a pro.

The kid with the amazing hand speed and lethal punching power bowled over the likes of Andre Obregon (KO 1) Billy Lopez (KO 1), Dennis Green (twice by kayo), Billy Wallace (Dec.), Art Clark (Dec. 8), and vet Marty Ryals (KO 2).

His lone loss came at the end of 1978, when he dropped a hard fought duke to experienced Frankie Moultrie. In this scrap (his first ten) the plucky Italian-American was decked in the second frame by a Moultrie right cross. As Chris sums up the punch: "I was never able to shake off the effects of that right hand, although I was able to make the fight close right down to the wire."



Chris Rizzo, Sunshine State lightweight, has amazing hand speed and good punching power. He's kayoed Andre Obregon, Billy Lopez, Dennis Green, and Marty Ryals.

Instead of being distraught about the loss to Moultrie, young Chris is eagerly looking forward to an encore bout with Frankie. Not only that, he is checking out his crystal ball, and looking far into the distance to a world championship scrap, possibly as a junior welter or as a welterweight.

Planning a long range future in the ring is quite a switch for young Chris Rizzo. Yep, it's quite a change for a kid, who, not long ago, ducked all types of "contact" sports.

GAETAN HART
CANADIAN LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMP

BUCKINGHAM — When you step into the Palace Hotel in Buckingham, forget about world's affairs. The only topic of conversation is Gaetan Hart, the native son who, two years ago, decided that, after all, boxing was his trade and he should go back to it, this time equipped with the right tools.

In the basement gymnasium supplied by boxing enthusiast Andy Nadon, owner of the hotel and one of the best regarded young promoters in Canada, Hart works daily under the surveillance of his friend and trainer Guy Malette, a former Canadian Amateur Boxing champion who has been sparring with Hart for at least ten years.

In 1976, Gaetan Hart decided to quit boxing. He had had 34 fights, 19 wins including 12 KOs, had had fought two draws and lost 13. In so doing he had been in the ring with some very tough fighters, Alfredo Escalera, Tony Petronelli, Don Monaco, Luis Davilla, George Anderson and many others. He returned to Buckingham with a badly broken nose, no money, no job and a bleak future. Things had never been easy for him and they were not looking too great except for one thing: in his hometown, his friends had not deserted him and he was still regarded with a lot of respect and sympathy.

Hart had only about seven amateur bouts when he decided to turn pro. Badly matched, fighting well over his natural weight of 134, he did very little to impress fans until he met Vern Stevenson. A former very good boxer, Stevenson was a friendly man who knew boxing and who had contacts. People who knew Stevenson well will all agree on one thing: he had a big heart and he led with it most of the time which is not recommended in the business world of today.

Stevenson took Hart under his wing, rented an apartment for his fighter, paid the food bills, bought him a new suit and a pair of training gloves and with the help of Guy Malette and other good sparring partners began taking Gaetan Hart across the continent for fights. And some of them were quite spectacular, like his five-round KO of Luis Davilla, or his gruelling bout with Tony Petronelli when Hart, after leading the fight, suffered a KO in the last second of the last round.

Life was good and easy and this does not always lead to a fighter being in top physical condition. Hart paid the price but he never backed away from anyone. He even fought Don Monaco with a badly broken nose. By that time his relationship with Stevenson had soured. Gaetan had no money, even if he had a good time. He had no job either, and then came his decision to give it upl

Doing odd jobs around Buckingham was not the life that Gaetan had envisioned, so, one day, at the urging of Rodolphe Huneault, owner of a gym in Hull, Hart decided to get back into training. Jean Belleau who had been managing fighters for many years and promoting boxing in the Hull-Ottawa area for more than twenty-five years, was in the gym when Hart returned. He was impressed by what he saw, but knowing that Hart was managed by his friend Vern Stevenson, did not want to interfere. When Hart asked him to act as his manager Belleau agreed to fight for him with the Montreal promoters who did not want Hart on their cards any more. Both men shook hand on this deal and that is still the only agreement they have. No signed contract, no papers, just good faith. It's still the same way today.

Belleau, who has been around a long time, got Hart a fight in Montreal and tough Ricky Camaro was the opponent. Hart won a split decision after eight gruelling rounds. He was never to look back again.

With the help of Andy Nadon, who agreed to act as promoter under the guidance of Belleau, fights were booked in the grill of the Palace hotel. Hart kept on winning and his fan club kept growing. Gaetan went back to Montreal where he soon became a favorite. In his first year with Belleau—it was a half a year as a

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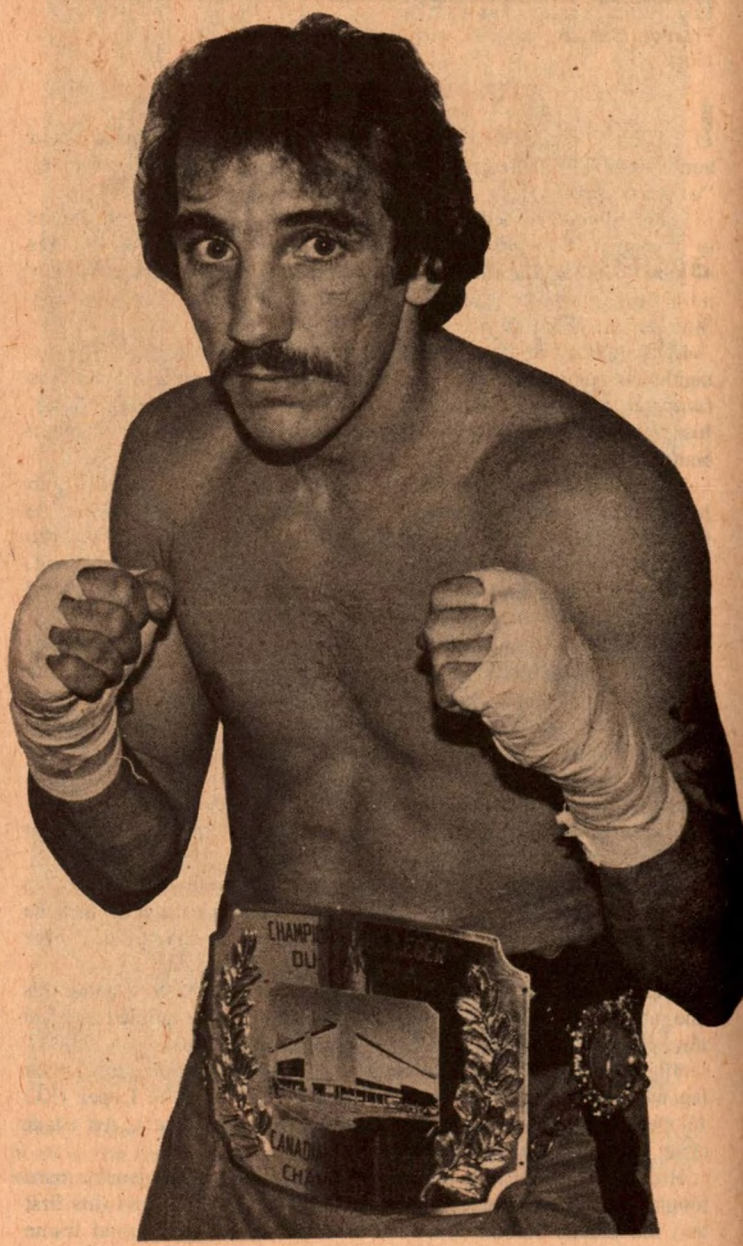

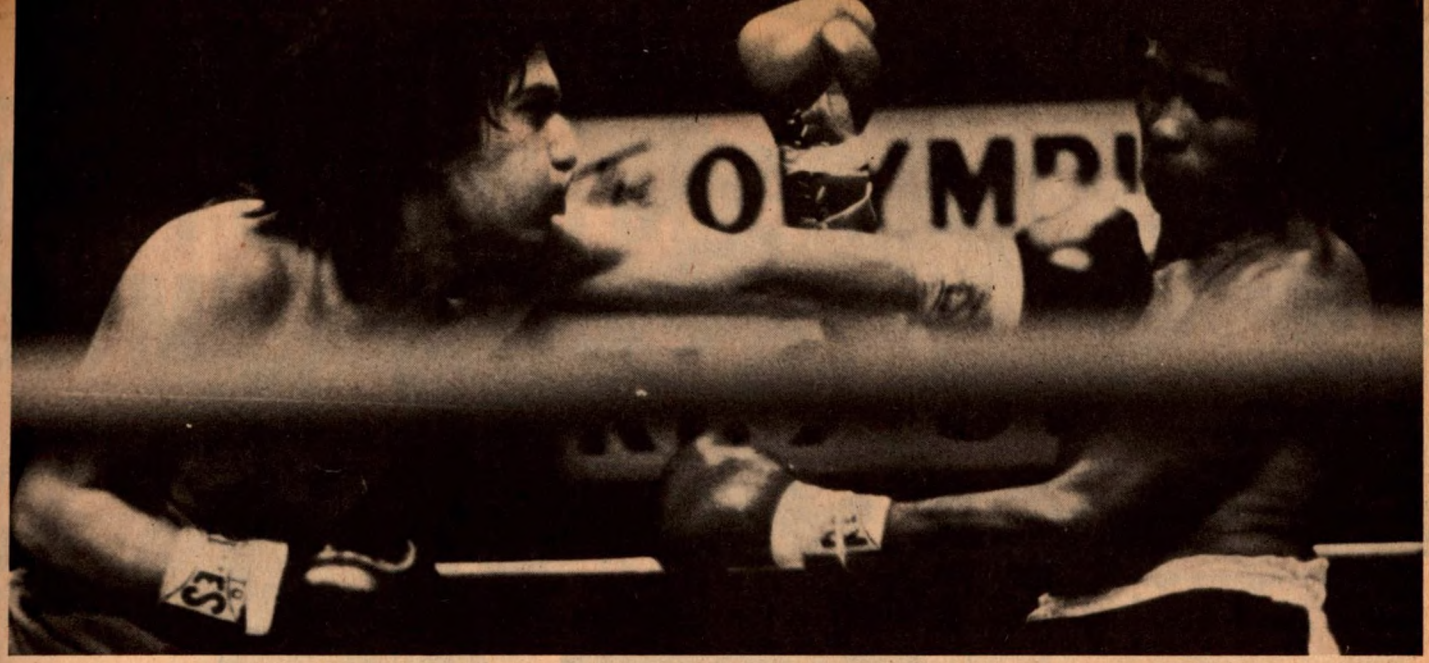

Frankie Baltazar scores with a jolting left hand to the chin of Memo Vega at the Olympic in Los Angeles. Frankie won ten-round decision.

FRANKIE BALTAZAR

By JESS HERNANDEZ

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Every time southpaw junior lightweight Frankie Baltazar, Jr. goes inside the ring, chances are his opponent will lull into a deep sleep. Baltazar packs one of boxing's most potent kayo wallops, having stiffened fourteen of his twenty-one opponents. Which means, figuratively, that hard socking Baltazar makes connection on his opponent's jaw instantly. Frankie celebrated his twentieth birthday, and it won't surprise too many ring filberts if Baltazar, a nifty 5-5, 131-pounder, wins the junior lightweight crown before his twenty-second birthday. Of course, Baltazar's quest of winning the junior lightweight title won't be easy with ringmen like Sammy Serrano, Alfredo Escalera, and Alexis Arguello, a tough trio to knock off.

Currently residing in his home town of La Puente, Calif. Frankie comes from a fighting family, with his dad, Frankie Baltazar, Sr., his co-manager, along with Jackie McCoy. Frank's kid brother, Tony Baltazar, only seventeen, a Golden Gloves featherweight champion, has as much natural fistic skill and ability as his older brother. Traditionally, it isn't too surprising that the Baltazar family loves to fight. "Frankie started boxing when he was just six years old. He developed so rapidly that he didn't have much of an amateur career. But Frankie was good enough to beat hard punching Herman (Kid) Montes in the amateurs," replied dad Frank Sr. "The only thing that bothers me about Frankie is that he's never on time when it's time to train. He's always a half hour late. But he's dedicated to boxing and his career looks good." How good is Frankie Baltazar? *The Ring* Magazine has Frankie ranked No. 2 in the world, just behind Alfredo Escalera. Baltazar has just about cleaned up on West Coast junior lightweights. "Frankie has the fastest punching hands in boxing. He's just as fast as stablemate Albert (Superfly) Sandoval," said co-manager McCoy. "Since I'm a southpaw, there aren't too many guys who want to fight me. It's easy for me to fight righthanded fighters because I train with so many, but it's hard for righthand fighters to fight southpaws. You know, when Ruben Olivares found out I was a southpaw he cancelled out on a fight with me. I guess southpaws aren't very popular fighters today," Baltazar commented. Frankie launched his career at the Olympic Au-

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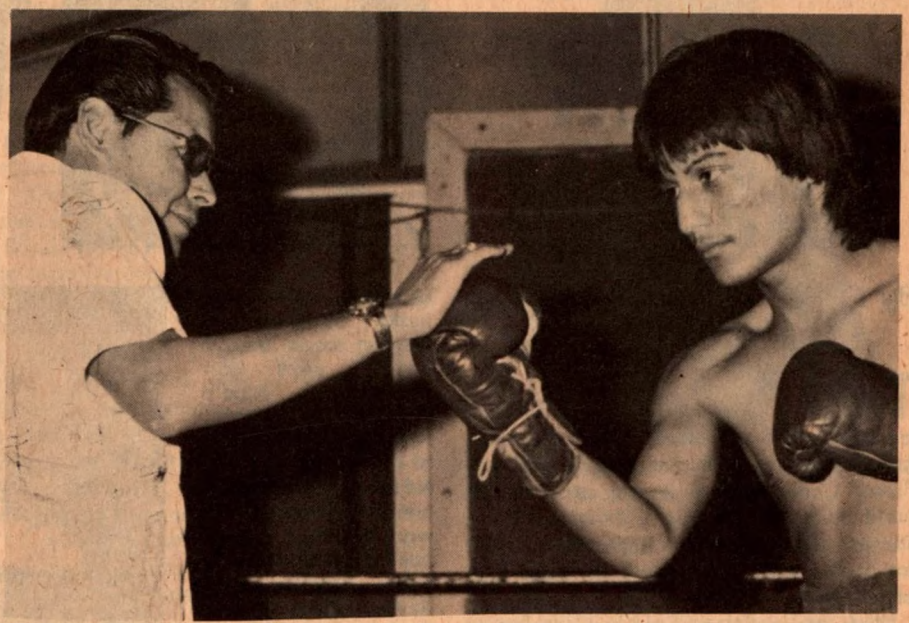
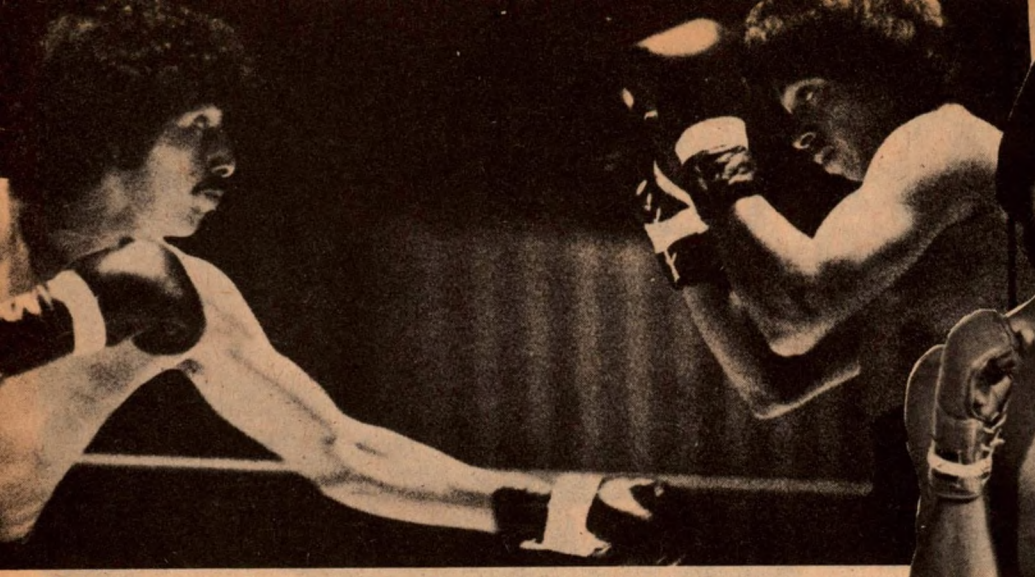
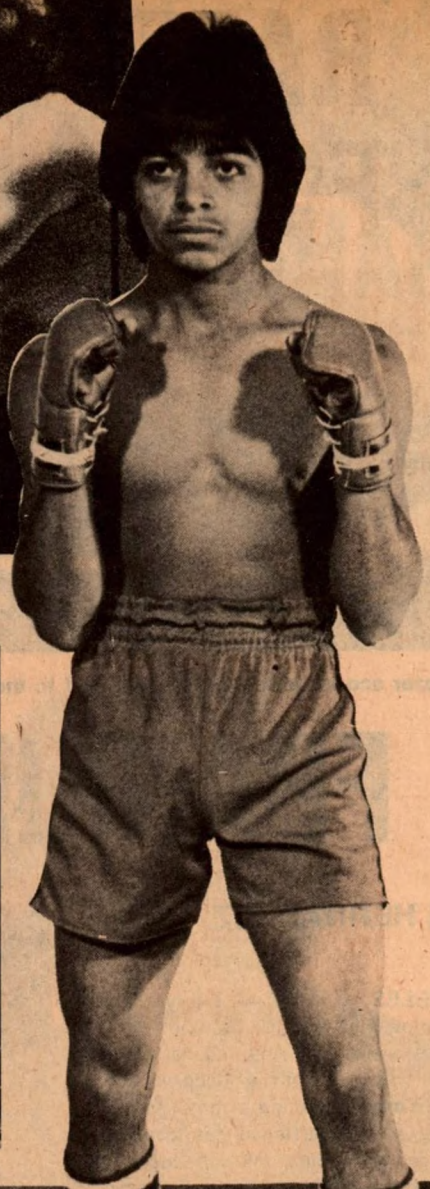


Baltazar with trainer Johnny Martinez. Frankie has won fourteen of his twenty-one fights via the k.o. route.



Perez, right, is shown against Jesus Barrientos in a scheduled ten-rounder at El Paso Civic Center, April 25, 1978. Nico hit Jesus with a devastating right uppercut and scored a knockout forty-three seconds into the third round.



NICO PEREZ: SUPER BANTAM

By FRED HERRERA

(Above) "The kid looks more like a fashion model than a boxer," says Ron Weathers, Nico's manager. (Right) Nico, eighteen years of age, is already the NABF super bantamweight champion. He won that title with a twelve-round unanimous decision over Javier Flores in Las Vegas on October 10, 1978.

THE list of Mexican boxing champions seems almost endless. Vicente Saldivar, Ruben Olivares, Chuchu Castillo, Miguel Canto, Carlos Zarate. Among the reigning world champions are Canto, Zarate, and Jose Cuevas, all of whom are from Mexico. And you can't count the number of Mexican contenders on two hands, either.

There are so many, and yet, one more Mexican fighter feels there's room for him at the top. His name is Nico Perez. He is just eighteen years old, but in fifteen months in the pro ranks, he has won thirty fights and lost only one.

On October 10, 1978, Perez won his first title as a pro, stripping Javier Flores of the North American super bantamweight crown almost before Flores had time to enjoy it. Flores had taken the title from a stablemate of Perez, veteran Earl Large.

While he is barely old enough to shave, Perez has been impressive in the ring, displaying lightning-quick moves and firing punches that have the force of a sledgehammer. He left Flores a wreck, opening nasty cuts above and below the left eye en route to a twelve-round unanimous decision.

"The kid looks more like a fashion model than a boxer," says Ron Weathers, who manages Perez and a stable of fighters that includes junior lightweight star Arturo Leon and featherweight contender Ruben Castillo.

Perez's good looks are testimony to the fact that he has never been knocked out. Rarely has he caught a good, solid blow. He admits the toughest fight of his career came when he made his pro debut in San Juan, Puerto Rico, against Papotas Rosario. That marked the only loss of his career.

It didn't take Perez to recover from that defeat, one of the few that blemish his career

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LEO RANDOLPH: THE FORGOTTEN OLYMPIAN

By KATE McHALE

Randolph and fellow Olympic gold medal winner Leon Spinks. Leon went back to finish high school while Leon, his brother Michael, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Howard Davis turned pro.

NO American-born boxer has held the world bantamweight championship in almost 30 years. But Leo Randolph plans to correct that situation by 1980.

The twenty-year-old Tacoma, Washington native was all but forgotten after winning the Olympic gold medal as a flyweight in 1976. Now a full 118 lbs., the scrappy bantamweight, who only recently made the decision to turn professional, is ready to make the world remember him by going after the pro title with the same intensity that earned him the Olympic crown.

There were photos of Randolph's Olympic teammates, Leon and Michael Spinks, in newspapers all over the country depicting their spectacular victories in Montreal during the summer of 1976. The class and showmanship of Howard Davis and Sugar Ray Leonard dazzled the huge TV audiences and made them the darlings of every sports writer.

Cuban southpaw Ramon Duvalon is down. Leo beat Ramon to cop the gold medal at Montreal.

Randolph's gold medal-winning performance—an exciting upset of tough 112 lb. Cuban southpaw Ramon Duvalon—wasn't even televised in the United States.

So, as his Olympic teammates went on to sign lucrative contracts immediately after the Games, the shy soft-spoken Tacoman, ironically nicknamed "The Lion," turned down the pro offers, took his medal and went home to his senior year at Wilson High School, leaving boxing behind him—or so he thought.

Randolph's decision to wait two years to turn professional was a costly one, but money never even entered into his decision.

"I was tired of boxing, mentally and physically," he explained. "I made up my mind before the finals in Montreal that that was going to be my last fight. I didn't want to fight anymore. A lot of us felt that way."

"I reached the highest peak in amateur boxing and figured there was no place to go but down," he added. "If I kept going I would have been worn out. Now I'm ready."

Following the Olympics, Randolph took up gymnastics and finished third in the still rings at the Tacoma City High School Championships. After high school he went to

Leo Randolph, 1976 Olympic gold medal winner in the 112-pound division.

work for Boeing Aircraft, staying out of the ring until last June when he knocked out Alfonso Del Galdillo of Los Angeles in the second round of his long-delayed pro debut.

"I found it really wasn't that easy to give up boxing after nine years as an amateur," Randolph explained later. "I wouldn't say it was in my blood, but it was something I'd been doing so long I got addicted to it."

After Del Galdillo, Randolph scored wins over Tony Reed in Kansas City, Marcial Santiago in Totowa, N.J., and Eddie Logan in Seattle.

"We think Leo will be ready for a title fight in about a year," trainer-manager Joe Clough, three-time U.S. Amateur Coach of

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WORLD RATINGS

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI* ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—LARRY HOLMES** ..... Easton, Pa.
2—KEN NORTON, ... San Diego, Calif.
3—LEON SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
4—KALLIE KNOETZE ..... South Africa
5—OSSIE OCASIO ..... Puerto Rico
6—GERRIE COETZEE ..... South Africa
7—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colorado
9—ALFREDO EVANGELISTA ..... Spain
10—MIKE WEAVER† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—MIKE ROSSMAN* ..... Turnersville, N.J.
2—MATT FRANKLIN† ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
4—ALVARO (YAQUI) LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
5—MARVIN JOHNSON** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
6—MATE PARLOV ..... Yugoslavia
7—VICTOR GALINDEZ ..... Argentina
8—JAMES SCOTT ..... Rahway, N.J.
9—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Columbus, Ohio
10—MARVIN CAMEL ..... Butte, Mont.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

HUGO CORRO ..... Argentina
1—MARVIN HAGLER† ..... Brockton, Mass.
2—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
3—MARCOS GERALDO ..... Mexico
4—RUDY ROBLES ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
6—TONY CHIAVERINI ..... Kansas City, Mo.
7—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8—ELIJAH MAKHATINI ..... South Africa
9—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
10—BOBBY WATTS ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MASASHI KUDO* ..... Japan
1—AYUB KALULE ..... Uganda
2—ROCKY MATTIOLI** ..... Australia
3—ROCKY MOSLEY, JR.† ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
4—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
5—EDGAR ROSS ..... Orlando, Fla.
6—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
7—MUSTAFA HAMSHO ..... Syria
8—MARIJAN BENES ..... Yugoslavia
9—CHARLIE WEIR ..... South Africa
10—GILBERT COHEN ..... France

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ** ..... Puerto Rico
1—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
2—RAY LEONARD ..... Palmer Park, Md.
3—CARLOS PALOMINO ..... Mexico
4—PETE RANZANY† ..... Sacramento, Calif.
5—THOMAS HEARNS ..... Detroit, Mich.
6—DAVID GREEN ..... England
7—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
8—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
9—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.
10—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
2—SAOUL MAMBY ..... New York, N.Y.
3—SANG-HYUN KIM** ..... South Korea
4—SAENSAK MUANGSURIN ..... Thailand
5—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
6—ADRIAN "NANI" MARRERO ... Dominican Rep.
7—ADOLPH VIRUET ..... New York, N.Y.
8—JOE KIMPAUANI ..... Zaire
9—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Ok.
10—BRUCE CURRY ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN ..... Panama
1—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
2—JOHNNY LIRA† ..... Chicago, Ill.
3—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
4—ALFREDO PITALUA ..... Colombia
5—CLAUDE NOEL ..... Trinidad, W.I.
6—JIM WATT ..... Scotland
7—JULIO VALDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
8—TERMITE WATKINS ..... Houston, Texas
9—HERMAN MONTES ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—FRANKIE BALTAZAR ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—ALEXIS ARGUELLO** ..... Nicaragua
3—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
4—ALFREDO ESCALERA† ..... Puerto Rico
5—NATALE VEZZOLI ..... Italy
6—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—ARTURO LEON ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
8—ERNESTO ESPANA ..... Venezuela
9—GREG COVERSON ..... Columbus, Ohio
10—VICTOR ECHEGARAY ..... Argentina

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—DANNY LOPEZ** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ, ... Puerto Rico
3—EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
4—RICARDO CARDONA ..... Venezuela
5—ROBERTO CASTANON ..... Spain
6—REUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
7—CECILIO LASTRA ..... Spain
8—HECTOR CARRASQUILLA ..... Panama
9—MIKE AYALA ..... San Antonio, Texas
10—JUAN MALVAREZ ..... Argentina

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
1—LUPE PINTOR ..... Mexico
2—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
3—ALFONSO ZAMORA ..... Mexico
4—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
5—AL SANDOVAL ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—ROBERTO RUBALDINO ..... Mexico
7—ENRIQUE SANCHEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
8—SERGIO PALMA ..... Argentina
9—ALBERTO DAVILA ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—OSCAR MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Merida, Mexico
1—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
2—BETULIO GONZALEZ* ..... Venezuela
3—SHOJI OGUMA ..... Japan
4—GUTY ESPADAS ..... Mexico
5—FRANCO UDELLA ..... Italy
6—KIM SUNG ..... South Korea
7—NETRNOI VORASINGH ..... Thailand
8—JOSE ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
9—CHARLIE MAGRI ..... England
10—TSUTOMU IGARASHI ..... Japan

WILFRED BENITEZ
ANTONIO CERVANTES
FIGHTERS
OF THE MONTH

This month's award goes to both new welterweight king Wilfred Benitez and the winner of the vacant world junior welterweight championship, Antonio Cervantes of Colombia.

Benitez won the world welterweight title with a fifteen-round nod over Carlos Palomino, Mexico, at San Juan, P.R. Wilfred's junior welter title was than vacant, and, within the week, Antonio Cervantes, ex-world junior welterweight king, regained the title with a fifteen-round decision over Dominican Miguel Montilla in Madison Square Garden, New York.

Other highlights of the month: Mike Weaver, Los Angeles, Calif., won the vacant U.S. heavyweight championship, halting Stan Ward, Sacramento, in nine. Rocky Mosley, Jr., Las Vegas, Nevada, retained his U.S. junior middleweight crown with a twelve-round nod over Wilson Bell, Detroit. Both bouts were held at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas.

Weaver's win moves him into the tenth spot in the world heavyweight division; inactive D'Elia drops out. Mosley's win moves him from four to three in the junior middleweight ratings.

Two top prospects in the world welterweight division, Ray Leonard, Palmer Park, Maryland, and Detroit's Thomas Hearns, both scored victories over top ranked fighters. Leonard kayoed Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C., eight, and Hearns halted Canada's Clyde Gray in the tenth. Leonard now moves from three to two and Hearns from seven to five. Gray falls from two to seven and Gant from four to nine.

Domingo Ayala is now boxing as a welter and is no longer U.S. junior welterweight champion. He was also defeated last month, by Manuel Jiminez, Puerto Rico. The U.S. junior welter title is now vacant. Bruce Curry, ex-U.S. champion, is now tenth, having scored a win over Wade Hinnant last time out.

Alfonso Zamora's win over Luis Rosario in New York moves him from four to three in the world bantamweight division. Inactive Zurlo falls from three to four. Frankie Duarte, Los Angeles, no longer making the bantamweight limit, falls out of the bantamweight ratings. He is replaced by Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, who outpointed Mario Chavez. Muniz is rated in the ten spot

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PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	PRO DEBUT	TOTAL BOUTS	WON	LOST	DRAWS	KO'S
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Eddie Melo	3/78	10	10	0	0	8
Canada						
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Rusty Rosenberger	1/78	10	10	0	0	7
Niles, Ohio						
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Kenny Klingman	10/77	9	9	0	0	9
Miami, Fla.						
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Dwight Davison	8/77	17	17	0	0	12
Kalamazoo, Mich.						

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PART NINE OF A SERIES
CONTENDERS: HEAVYWEIGHTS

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

JOE Louis' so-called "Bum of the Month Club" was not the result of the Brown Bomber picking easy opponents. It was composed of those fighters, each good in his own way, who might not have been accorded title shots had Louis not been as prolific as he was.

Joe ducked no one. His record of twenty-five successful title defenses is remarkable, and who knows what that record might have been if World War II not taken away four years of his fighting life0

Here are vignettes of Louis' titular opponents from 1937 to 1941.

TOMMY FARR

Like many of the greats of British boxing, Farr was Welsh, born in Clydach Vale in South Wales on March 12, 1914. He started working in the mines at twelve and had a few pro fights mixed in between jobs until he left the mines to become a "booth fighter" at the age of fourteen. Farr was then a flyweight, but accommodated all comers night after night, regardless of size, and received the salary of two bob—fifty cents—a week for his efforts.

Tommy left the caravan at sixteen to compete in the pro ring. He was then a lightweight. In 1933, Farr, now a middleweight, walked 180 miles to make his London debut, only to be stopped in seven rounds by Eddie Steel.

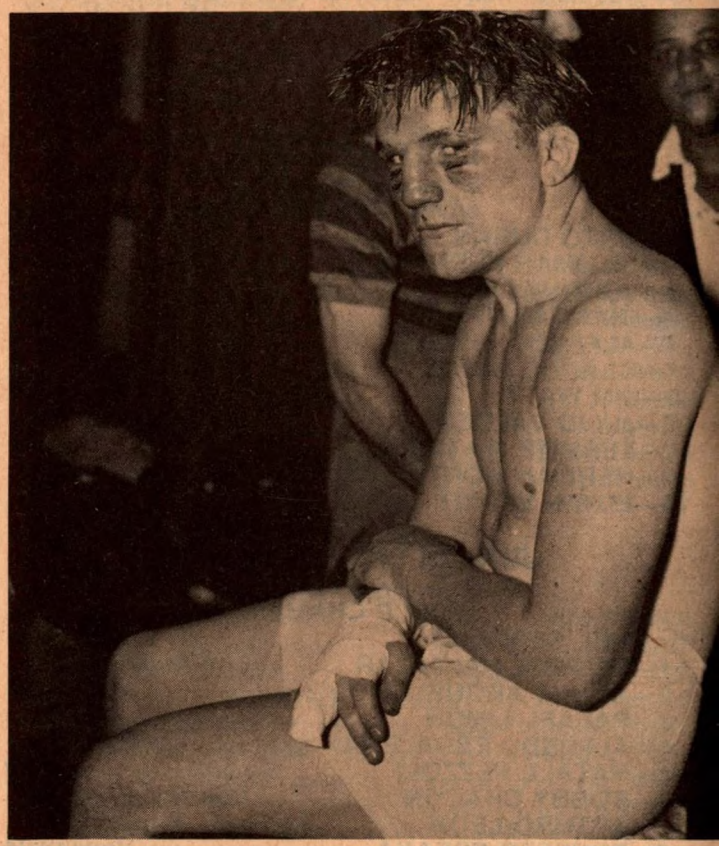
In April, 1934, Tommy, having won the Welsh light heavy title, signed a contract with Ted Broadribb, well known British manager. After disappointing losses, Farr beat visiting American light heavyweights Tommy Loughran and Bob Olin and annexed the Welsh heavyweight title on September 14, 1936 by halting Jim Wilde in seven rounds in Swansea.

Big successes followed. Farr beat Ben Foord for the British Empire crown in London on March 15, 1937 and whipped former world heavyweight champion Max Baer in twelve rounds in London on April 15 of the same year.

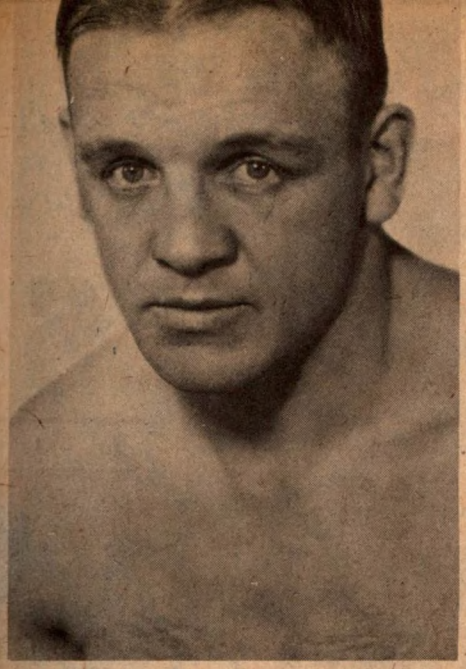
That victory persuaded Mike Jacobs that Farr was title fight material. Very little chance was given Tommy against Joe, but the Welshman surprised everyone by taking Louis fifteen rounds and forcing the Brown Bomber to extend himself. Farr suffered severe cuts in the face but Louis was not able to put him on the canvas.

That American trip was a bad one for Tommy. He dropped a ten-rounder to former champion Jim Braddock in his next appearance and then Baer dropped him three times enroute to a fifteen-round unanimous decision. Tommy was close to winning his next bout, a fifteen-rounder with Lou Nova, till he ran into a right that put him on Queer Street in the fourteenth. He managed to hang on until the end, but lost the last two rounds and was outpointed. Red Burman beat him in ten rounds and Farr returned to Britain, where he beat Red in a return bout on April 13, 1939.

Farr retired the next year and went into the Royal Air Force. He gave little thought to returning to the ring after the war ended until



(Above) This is how British Empire heavyweight champion Tommy Farr looked after he went fifteen rounds with Louis, August 30, 1937. Tommy lost unanimous decision. (Below) Nathan Mann carried a fine record into Madison Square Garden on February 23, 1938, but the Brown Bomber knocked him out in the third round.



Harry Thomas was a catcher for the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League, 1932-33. Joe Louis stopped him in the fifth round in Chicago, April 1, 1938.

Jack Roper was the younger brother of Capt. Bob Roper, heavyweight contender of the early 1920s. He caught Joe Louis with a hard left hook, but Joe kayoed him in the first at Wrigley Field in Los Angeles.

"Two-Ton" Tony Galento sent Louis to the canvas in the third round of their bout in Yankee Stadium, June 28, 1939. Joe TKO'd him in the third.

1950, when the British Boxing Board of Control granted him a license to resume fighting. Tommy was still capable of beating a fair number of heavyweights, but Lloyd Marshall of the U.S. beat him in ten rounds that year and Frank Bell knocked him out in two on March 21, 1951. Tommy regained his Welsh heavyweight crown, kayoing Dennis Powell in July, and won seven of his next nine fights, leading to a "money fight" with Don Cockell in Nottingham on March 9, 1953. Cockell stopped Farr, who was then three days away from his thirty-ninth birthday, in the seventh and Tommy hung up his gloves for good.

NATHAN MANN

His full surname was Manchetti and he was born in New Haven, Conn. in May, 1915. Nathan entered the Connecticut State Tournament in 1931 and won the welterweight title. He had twenty-two amateur bouts and won all but two.

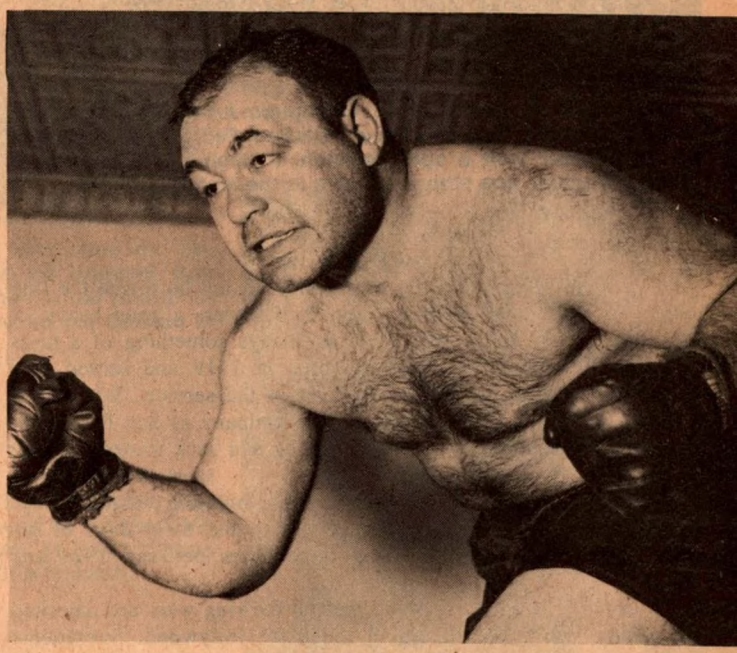
Mann's first pro right was against Jimmy Hicks in New Haven on April 4, 1934. Nathan scored a first round knockout and compiled a 26-3-1 record, including twenty-four knockouts, when he fought Ford Smith in New Haven on January 21, 1936. Smith had a big reputation in California and Mann attracted a lot of attention when he gave Ford a beating and stopped him in the seventh round.

Nathan was signed for several fights in New York but a case of the flu weakened him and he lost a decision to Steve Dudas. He bounced back to score a number of impressive victories over the next two years, defeating Donald (Reds) Barry, Jack Roper, Dudas, Gunnar Barlund, Eddie Blunt, Charley Massera, Abe Feldman, Arturo Godoy, and Bob Pastor. The latter victory led him to a shot at Louis, who knocked him out in the third round.

Nathan was a chronic worrier, devoted to his family, who clashed frequently with his trainer in the early days of his career. He straightened out a lot of personal problems after Tony Galento stopped him in the second round in New York on May 13, 1938 and was undefeated in his next sixteen bouts. Buddy Baer knocked him out in seven rounds on May 3, 1940 and Mann was finished as a top contender. He engaged in ten more fights and went into the Coast Guard in 1942. After the war, he startee boxing again, compiling an 11-2 mark until Bernie Reynolds knocked him out in four rounds on June 28, 1948.

HARRY THOMAS

Harry, a graduate of Trinity College in Morningside, Iowa, was a catcher for the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League in 1932 and 1933. His uncle Dan, a former booth fighter, talked him into a prize ring career and Harry made his boxing debut at the



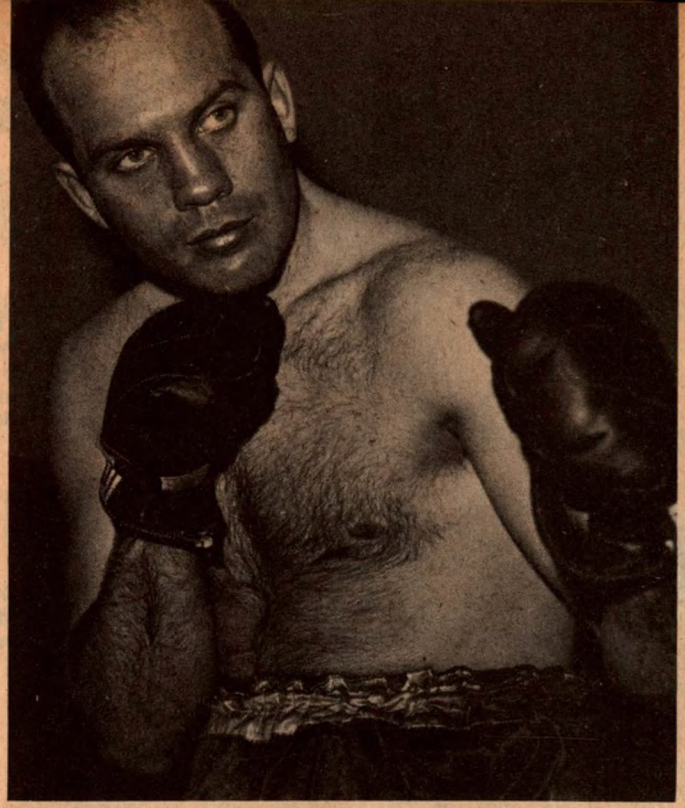
Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles on November 15, 1932, knocking out Frank Jones in the first round.

Thomas spent the next three years establishing a reputation on the coast. In 1935, he traveled to Chicago and went under the management of Jack Hurley, who eventually handed him over to Nate Lewis, the "Bald Eagle of Boul', Michigan." By 1937, Harry had beaten K.O. Christner, Les Morgan, Ford Smith (twice), Jorge Brescia, Frankie Simms, Max Marek, and Art Sykes, among many others.

On December 14, 1937, Thomas met former world heavyweight champion Max Schmeling in Madison Square Garden and lost on an eighth round knockout. Eleven months later, he was kayoed by "Two-Ton" Tony Galento in the third round of a scheduled twelve-round bout in Philadelphia. Harry later claimed those bouts were not what they appeared, and that Nate Lewis had not been his real manager at the time.

In between the Schmeling and Galento bouts, Thomas met Joe Louis for the title and was stopped in the fifth round.

South American heavyweight champion Arturo Godoy made Louis look bad in Madison Square Garden, February 9, 1940. The Brown Bomber won a split decision. In their rematch, held in Yankee Stadium, Joe stopped Arturo in the eighth.



Johnny Paycheck had won thirty-four of his last thirty-five fights when he faced Bomber Joe in Madison Square Garden. Louis wasn't impressed and kayoed Paycheck in the second round, March 29, 1940.

JACK ROPER

He was christened Cecil Byron Hammond, but borrowed the ring surname of his older brother, Capt. Bob Roper, a good heavy of the early 1920s. Jack's real age was always something of a mystery, but he entered the Marine Corps in 1919 and served four years. Unlike Bob, he did no fighting in the service. When Jack got out, he took a job with an express company in San Francisco. Brother Bob persuaded him to try boxing and Jack started fighting as a pro that same year, 1923.

Roper wasn't much of a contender. For one, he cut too easily. Secondly, he liked his beer, especially in the early days of his career. He retired from the ring three times between 1924 and 1937.

On January 7, 1938, Jack returned to the ring wars and knocked out Sonny Walker in the eighth round in Hollywood. Subsequent knockouts over Johnny Erjavic, Patsy Perroni, and Bob Nestell, and decisions over Jorge Brescia and Junior Munsell, enabled Roper's manager, Dick Donald to get him a title shot through Tom Gallery, the Olympic (L.A.) matchmaker who worked the deal out with Jacobs.

Roper almost floored Louis with a hard left hook before Joe knocked him out. Referee George Blake counted Roper out at 2:20 of the first round. The bout had been scheduled for only ten rounds in accordance with Los Angeles commission rules in 1939.

Roper quit the ring the following year. He died at the Motion Picture County House and Hospital in Woodland Hills, California on November 28, 1966.

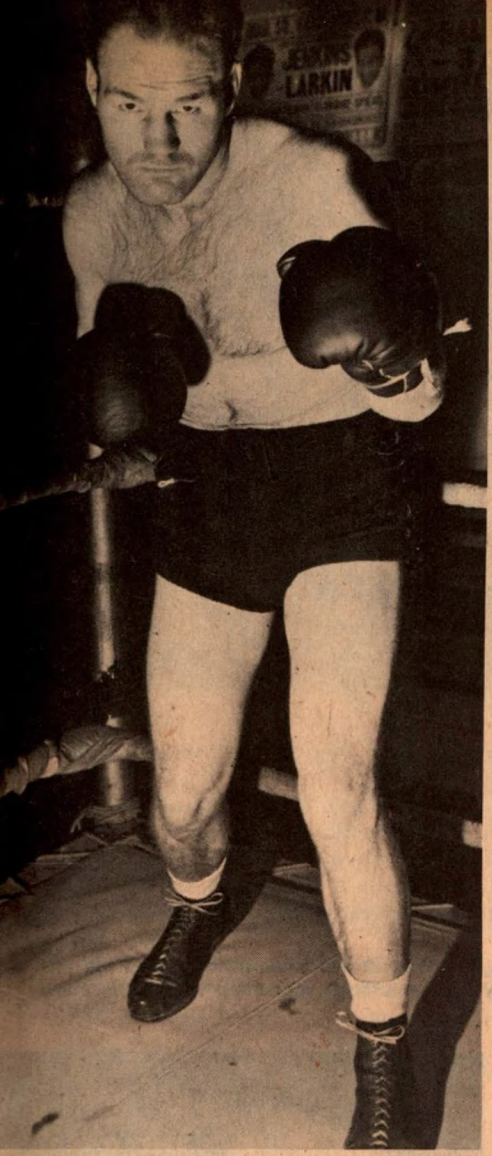
TONY GALENTO

Dominick Anthony Galento was born in Orange, N.J. on March 12, 1910. He started boxing as an amateur at sixteen, rapidly grew from a middleweight into a heavyweight, and turned professional in 1929.

The next seven years saw Tony go through many fights and managers. He was a great club fighter, a tremendous crowd pleaser with a body like a stone wall and a left hook like a pile driver. He won the vast majority of his fights, almost all of them by kayoes, but seemed to lose the big ones when he had to fight the boys who had experience, or brains. Even so, he managed to kayo Donald (Reds) Barry in the first round in New York in 1933. Marty Gallagher stopped him during this period. Galento, at the end, was on his feet, uninjured but bleeding like a pig.

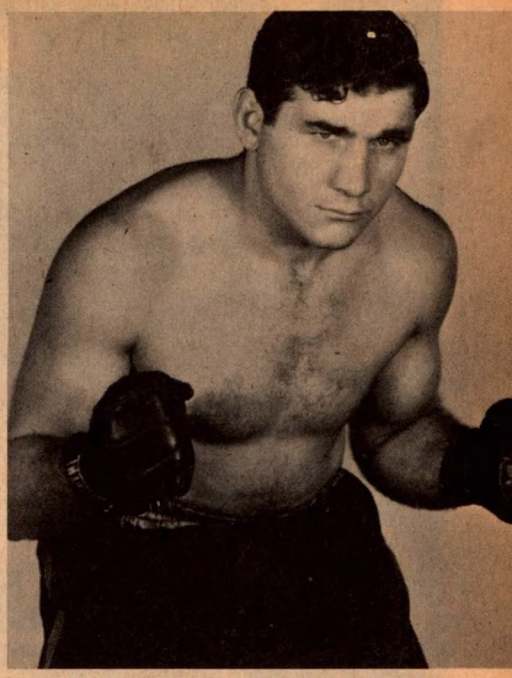
Al McCoy was really a light heavyweight, but he got in some good shots before Louis opened up a bad cut near his eye. Al could not come out for the sixth round.

Tony's situation changed drastically when Joe Jacobs became his manager in 1935. He started training seriously and made the most of opportunities. Al Gainer TKO'd him in New York, but that reversal only made Galento more determined. 1937 saw "Two-Ton" kayo Jack Moran, Al Ettore, Lorenzo Pack, and Leroy Haynes. Godoy beat him on a close decision in New York in ten rounds and in six rounds in Chicago two months later, but Galento's kayoes of Ettore, Pack, and Haynes had boosted him to national attention.

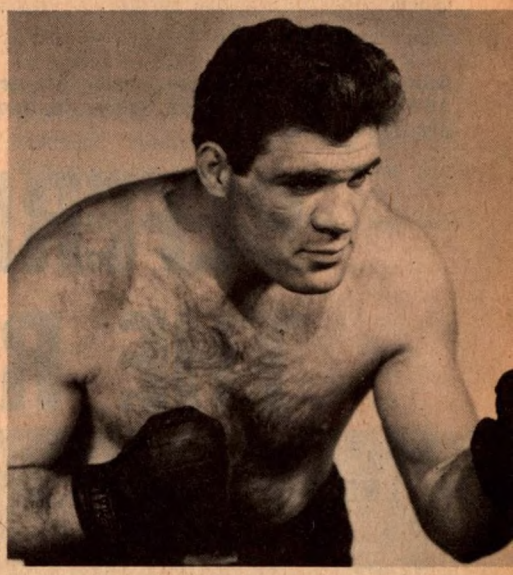


Red Burman hit the peak of his career when he beat Tommy Farr in Madison Square Garden. Louis knocked him out with a smash under the heart in 2:49 of the fifth round.

Gus Dorazio's biggest win came on December 12, 1937, when he dropped Bob Pastor twice and beat him in ten rounds in Philadelphia. Louis knocked out Dorazio in a round and a half.



Tony Musto, the "Blue Island Baby Tank," had lost three fights within the last eight months when he fought Louis for the title. Musto managed to stay in there till the ninth.



Big Abe Simon kayoed Jersey Joe Walcott in six rounds in 1940. Louis knocked Abe out in the thirteenth round of a scheduled twenty-rounder on March 21, 1941. Simon lasted only six rounds in a rematch.

Tony was, at long last, a contender—a big one.

With Jacobs in his corner, Tony reeled off eight more straight knockouts—Charley Massero (3), Nathan Mann (2), Harry Thomas (3), Otis Thomas (9), Dick Daniels (3), Jorge Brescia (1), Natie Brown (4), and Abe Feldman (3). This skein made Tony at least as qualified as anybody for a shot at Louis' crown.

The Louis-Galento fight was held in Madison Square Garden on June 28, 1939, and proved to be one of the most exciting of Joe's seventy-one pro engagements. In the first round, Tony hit Joe with a hard left, then a right, and then another left. Louis barely knew what hit him. In the third, Galento, who had been taking a bad beating, knocked Joe down with a left hook. In the fourth session, a series of Louis' machine gun jabs opened up Galento's face so that the blood poured out and referee Arthur Donovan stopped the fight at 2:29 of the round.

Tony's next engagement was a fifteen-rounder with Lou Nova in Philadelphia. This has been called the dirtiest fight in the history of Queensberry boxing. There was thumbling, kidney punching, and you name it. Tony stopped Lou in the fourteenth round.

Galento, though, had passed his water mark. Max Baer hammered him into an eighth round knockout and Buddy Baer halted him in seven. That ended Galento's career, although Tony returned for a few inconsequential bouts two years later, including one exhibition with a wrestler known as the "Golden Terror" in which Tony scored a two-round knockout.

Tony had a leg amputated some time back. He lives in New Jersey and maintains an interest in the sport.

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Arthur Mercante sends Joe Frazier to a neutral corner as Muhammad Ali lies on canvas. This was in the fifteenth round of the first Ali-Frazier bout in Madison Square Garden, won by Frazier. Mercante is an internationally known official who has refereed in many different countries.

REFEREES ON THE ROAD

By LESTER BROMBERG

In the late 1930s, Arthur Donovan was the referee best known in boxing, at home and abroad. Yet his trim, gray-flanneled figure largely was an American personality. European fans could only know him by reputation and perhaps by fight films.

Donovan, recently deceased, remains a record-holder as the third man in heavyweight championships. He worked fourteen such fights, largely with Joe Louis. Ruby Goldstein, now living in Miami Beach, had seven.

Donovan and Goldstein never once refereed outside the continent. The changes that have been wrought in reshaping the fight world are spelled by two words—air travel. Reluctantly, the U.S. has had to join the world instead of dominating it.

As a result, there has sprung up a breed of traveling referees. They are younger men, in the main, accustomed to rapid-fire travel and inured to jet fatigue. It is interesting that, despite the falling-off of American fighting stock, the referees and judges of U.S. stamp are still leaders of the world.

European, Latin-American, African and Asiatic referees are improving but this nation provides the bulk of those who "have the guts and will travel."

And don't pass over lightly the quality of guts. It takes nothing less to climb into the ring in a foreign country before a fervid au-

Harold Valan's controversial scoring of the Ellis-Patterson WBA heavyweight championship bout in Stockholm was just one part of his career as a globe-trotting referee. Harold has worked title fights in many different sections of the world.

Referee Jay Edson raises Larry Holmes' hand after Holmes won a unanimous eight-round decision over Tom Prater in Pensacola, Florida. This was part of the United States Championship Tournament. Edson has worked title fights around the globe.

dience prepared to see only what its hero does.

As Jay Edson, well-traveled Naples, Fla., referee, puts it: ". . . A referee cannot be intimidated by a crowd. I have to be oblivious to them. I have to be, in effect, blind. I can't consider anything but the two fighters in the ring."

Jay is very close to the model of the flying referee. In one period of twelve days in 1977, he went to Korea, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Spain, and Japan.

It proved routine, except for the visit to Spain.

His assignment was refereeing a WBC super lightweight championship bout between Saensak Muangsurin of Thailand and Spain's Perico Fernandez. It was taking place in Madrid and eight thousand present made themselves sound like eighty thousand in the noisy indoor arena.

A little background—they had fought before, Fernandez having been knocked out in Thailand by Muangsurin.

Perico was inspired to do better. He came down to the wire in fifteen rounds. But a Mexican judge had it 149-144, an Italian judge voted 148-145 and Edson called it 148-146, all for the Thailander.

Within five seconds after the announcement, the fans let the referee have it with beer cans and cushions. In the tumult a beer can caught Edson in the throat. He was moving out of the ring when a chair came flying into the ring. Its force knocked him to the canvas.

The picture of Jay on the floor was telephoto-transmitted all over the world.

"I got clippings from newspapers everywhere but it looked a lot worse than it was. It was just a tumble," he later minimized it.

"After the fight," he explained, "the Spanish people were ashamed for their fans. They begged my pardon. I told them I didn't feel angry . . . To tell the truth, I was hot at the moment. They should have known better.

"But that's a risk I have to take."

An interesting thing occurred with Harold Valan, New York referee, in a fight in Sweden in 1968 between Floyd Patterson and Jimmy Ellis. Valan was the only official working and he voted for Ellis after fifteen rounds. The fight was televised to the U.S. and the reaction on this side of the ocean was one-sidedly for Patterson.

"I never have been able to figure out that one," Valan has often said. "At ringside, everything was clearly for Ellis, but when I came home, they jumped on me. It was two different fights, the television one and the one I worked. I'd say that they missed a lot of the infighting."

Valan had a unique experience in travel. Twice he was paid for Muhammad Ali's fights, with Joe Bugner at Kuala Lumpur, and Joe Frazier in Manila, and twice he did not officiate. "At the last minute, another man was selected. Each time I got the money and I had a wonderful vacation. How could I miss?"

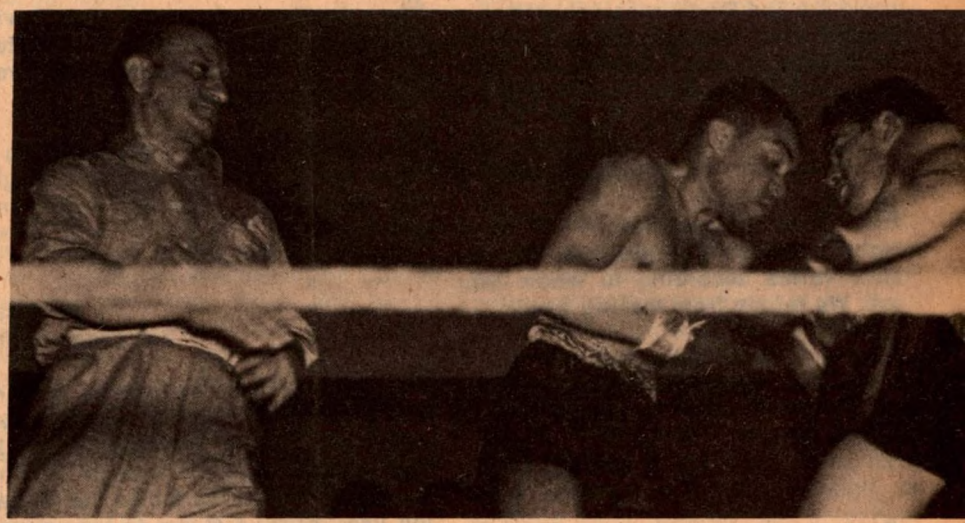
Arthur Mercante, Lew Eskin, Tony Perez, and many others have followed this traveling trail, but no one truthfully outdid Nat Fleischer, the late founder of *The Ring* Magazine, as a globe trotting official.

In a time when travel really was arduous Nat was energetic, yet patient and clearly adventurous. He flew around the world twice in 1954. In 1960, he went twice around the world again, judging title fights in Siam and Japan. In 1962, he went twice around the globe a third time. But this was only the beginning. He was still officiating in 1968.

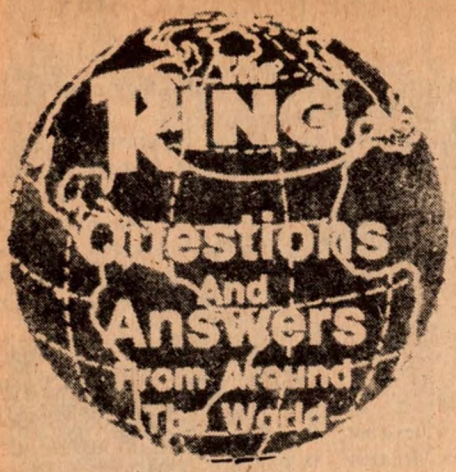
One anecdote on Nat Fleischer told and retold about his traveling, was this one:

Red Smith, the classic fight writer, was island-hopping in the Pacific in the days when trips were not exactly common. His plane set down on a more or less forsaken spot. As was his custom, Red repaired for a drink at a local spa. He met a sports-conscious friend at the bar. "By the way," Red said, "you seem to know boxing. Did you ever meet Nat Fleischer?" "Are you kidding?" the person said. "He left here yesterday. He was on his way home from Thailand."

That's the living legend about a man who will live forever.



Nat Fleischer, founder of *The Ring*, is shown refereeing the Simon Chavez-Joey Archibald ten-rounder in Caracas on July 9, 1939. Chavez, left, won the decision.



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Q. What can you tell me about Lennie Walters, Canadian featherweight champion of the 1950s. Local experts say he was a superb stylist.

James Witwicki
Burney, B.C., Canada

A. Len Walters of Voncouver, B.C. had seventeen fights as a professional. He was a boxing stylist and had only three lessons in his career. Walters fought from 1953 to 1958 and his record shows he lost his last two bouts. He was kayoed by Bobby Hicks in five in Vancouver on October 3, 1958 and the finale was in Seattle, Wash., in which he was stopped by Jackie Moore in seven rounds, December 18, 1958.

Q. On a list of heavyweight all-time greats, I would place Joe Louis number one and Muhammad Ali number two. I would like The Ring's expert opinion on a vintage Ali vs. vintage Louis bout. Ali has never been knocked out. Do you think the Joe Louis guns could have turned the trick?

Walter Meiners
Portland, Oregon

A. This has and always will be a highly controversial question. The answer varies according to whom you ask. We refrain from making a pick.

Q. Would you please list the officials in the Joe Frazier-Dave Zieglewicz title go on April 22, 1969. Also list attendance and the purses.

H. Rosenberg
Boston, Mass.

A. Joe Frazier knocked out Dave Zieglewicz in ninety-six seconds of the first round. A left hook sent "Ziggy" to the canvas, where referee Jimmy Webb of Houston counted him out. A crowd of 8,500 paid $127,000 at the gate for the scheduled fifteen-rounder. Frazier got forty percent of the gate, or, about $50,000. Zyglewicz had his biggest boxing payday, twenty percent, or, about $23,000. Last we heard, Zyglewicz opened Ziggy's Corner, on Broadway in Watervleit, New York.

Q. Some time back, I read about two promising youngsters—a heavyweight from Texas by the name of Dan Liville and a featherweight from New Bedford, Mass. by the name of Paul Poirier. Have they quit fighting?

A. Both fighters are retired.

Q. Please inform me as to the rule if a mouthpiece is knocked out in the middle of a round in a professional fight. Must it stay out until the end of the round, or can it be retrieved and put back in the boxer's mouth at the discretion or ruling of a boxing commissioner?

Danny Berlinsky
Charleston Heights, S.C.

A. It is up to the referee. There is no ruling that makes it mandatory for the mouthpiece to be kept in or out. Usually, the referee will turn it over to the corner of the fighter and continue the round without it. The fighter will use it for the next round after it has been thoroughly cleaned.

Q. I would appreciate the boxing records you have on David Eugene Hinton, age nineteen.

Robert J. Heverly
San Diego, Calif.

A. Our records show that David Hinton has had only one fight. On May 19, 1978, he was knocked out in three rounds by Robert Wilcox.

Q. Do you have any info concerning a Texas light heavyweight and heavyweight who fought pro in the late 1940s and early 1950s by the name of W.W. (Red) Worley, Jr. of San Angelo, Texas?

P. Hasty
San Diego, Calif.

A. Our records show that William (Red) Worley compiled a record of five wins, six losses, and one draw. In 1951, he was stopped twice by Johnny Burke. He turned the tables the following year, beating Burke in ten rounds and knocking him out in the seventh round of what was their fourth bout. After 1952, there is no mention of Worley. He pops up again on June 27, 1955, winning a ten-rounder over Ponce De Leon. De Leon was one of Sonny Liston's first opponents in the pro ranks.

Q. I was recently in Ireland and a discussion of a former English heavyweight named Jack Doyle came up. I believe he was British heavyweight champion and my friends believe he also fought for the world heavyweight title. I said I thought they were incorrect. I don't find any record of such a fight in my record book. Would you please advise if I am correct?

Francis Heddy
E. Sandwich, Mass.

A. You are correct. Jack Doyle never fought for the world heavyweight championship.

Q. Charlie Humez was a leading welterweight and middleweight from 1950 to 1958 and had the European title at those weights. His record was an impressive 94-7-1 and he boxed several leading contenders. He never fought for a world title. Why? And where is Charles today?

A. Charles Humez is the owner of a bistro in the suburbs of Paris, according to the latest reports. While he had good wins in Europe, he was unfortunate when he came here to the United States, losing to Ralph Tiger Jones and Gene Fullmer on widely televised fights. He lost to Randy Turpin for the European middleweight title in 1953 and retired in 1958 after losing to Gustav Scholtz in Berlin.

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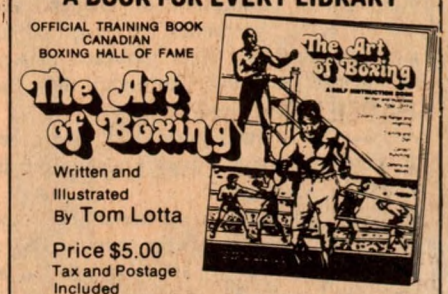

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LIKES GOMEZ OVER LOPEZ

I would like to congratulate Wilfredo Gomez on his stunning knockout victory over Carlos Zarate. The only regret I have is that ABC could only show the fourth and fifth rounds instead of the entire fight. I believe that if Wilfredo ever gets a chance to fight Danny Lopez for the WBC featherweight title he will win by knockout in about the third round. The reason I say that is because Danny Lopez has been known to get hit by right hands a lot and I just don't think he can take Wilfredo's punches for very long. When and if they do fight and Lopez gets knocked down early the only difference between this fight and his others is that he will be the one who has the referee count ten over him. I may be wrong but at least that's how I see it.

Rick Canzenza
Tampa, Florida

SMELL THE ROSES, DON

This is the second time I've written to you to tell you how much I've enjoyed *The Ring* Magazine—many years now. I want to again mention how much I enjoy the monthly column of "Sailor" Don Sauer. I speak for many of us here in Philly who enjoy Don's monthly words. He's a grand fellow and a credit to your fine publication. Warmest wishes for continued success.

Jack W. Martin
Phila., Pa.

HE'S TIRED OF IT

I don't like to be one to beat a dead horse, but the WBA and WBC fiasco isn't dead yet and public outcry is the only thing that can kill it. I, like Nick Maltese (April issue), am sickened by the actions of WBC (World Boxing Catastrophe) and the WBA. I am sick of dual championships. I am sick of seeing fine fighters and fine champions being stripped of their titles. In messing with the heavyweight division, the WBC has gone too far. The cowards never had the guts to strip Ali, despite constant threats to do so. They knew the public wouldn't accept any heavyweight "paper" champions. What they failed to consider is that they still won't! When Larry Holmes defeated Ken Norton, he won nothing. I strongly urge *The Ring* and Nat Loubet to continue your valiant push for a National Boxing Commission. The rewards would be limitless! I also agree with Mr. and Mrs. Emord when they suggest that you lengthen the Packy Caruso comic to two pages. It's a fine strip but its brevity is sometimes disappointing. Finally I'd like to thank all at *Ring* Magazine for producing one of the few bright lights in the black, murky sea of politics that the boxing world swims in today.

James Witwicki
Chillawack, B.C.

HERE COMES CHARLIE

Just a memo to the rest of the world. Watch out for Charlie Magri, British flyweight. I predict that he will be flyweight champion of the world within the next two years. In a country that isn't noted for its flyweights, this boy has everything—speed, consistency, dedication, skill, and he can punch relentlessly if he has to. Charlie has already polished off bantams and flyweights and is going through the best of Europe. By the time you read this, Charlie could be breaking into the world ratings and then, who knows, we may have a world champion on our hands.

B. Charlesworth
Devonshire, England

LIKES LEONARD

I think Sugar Ray Leonard is going to be the next welterweight champion. I think he will beat Palomino and Cuevas because he's fast, sharp and has a whole lot of endurance. I think people should pay more attention to Sugar Ray than to most of the other fighters. Because when he moves on up to the top, they are going to think they put him up there because they like him. I want to be just like him and win a Gold Medal in the 1984 Olympic Games. So be on your way, Sugar Ray.

Anthony Porter
Philadelphia, Pa.

BE REALISTIC, RAY

The Olympic Gold sure carries a lot of punch. Ray Leonard has used his better than all the others. One hundred grand for his first pro fight and he is on his express to a world title fight. Ray has quite a few welterweights to fight before he should expect a crack at Palomino or Cuevas. He's not ready to talk championship yet, let alone fight for it. Old diehards with questionable records and club fighters nobody ever heard of are all he has fought so far. His right hand wouldn't hold up against Ranzany. We were all thrilled when Ray got his Gold Medal, but one hundred thousand dollars??? Pete Ranzany is United States champion and barely realized thirty thousand dollars for fighting WBA ring champ Jose Cuevas.

Be realistic Leonard! You are not ready yet, so get off your gold for the game's sake and earn your shots fair and square.

Skip Branton
Roseville, Calif.

AGREES WITH NAT

I heartily agree with Nat Loubet's editorial in the Sept. issue concerning the O'Grady-Fukuyama fight. It's true that O'Grady had a lot at stake in the fight and was dominant in every round. However, it was apparent to impartial observers that his cut eyebrow was a serious injury which presented a potential hazard to the 19-year-old fighter. There was a severed artery in the cut which poured blood for five rounds and which was continually opened by Fukuyama.

I think O'Grady's father and ring officials should have put the welfare of the fighter above all else. By not doing so, they were making a decision for O'Grady that the title shot, and his lucrative NBC contract, was more important than the potential loss of an eye for life.

Of course, in the heat of battle, a game fighter like O'Grady is not going to give up. The job of his handlers and the officials was to make that decision for him. O'Grady is young enough and talented enough to bounce back. Most of the great fighters, including Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson suffered temporary setbacks on their way to the title.

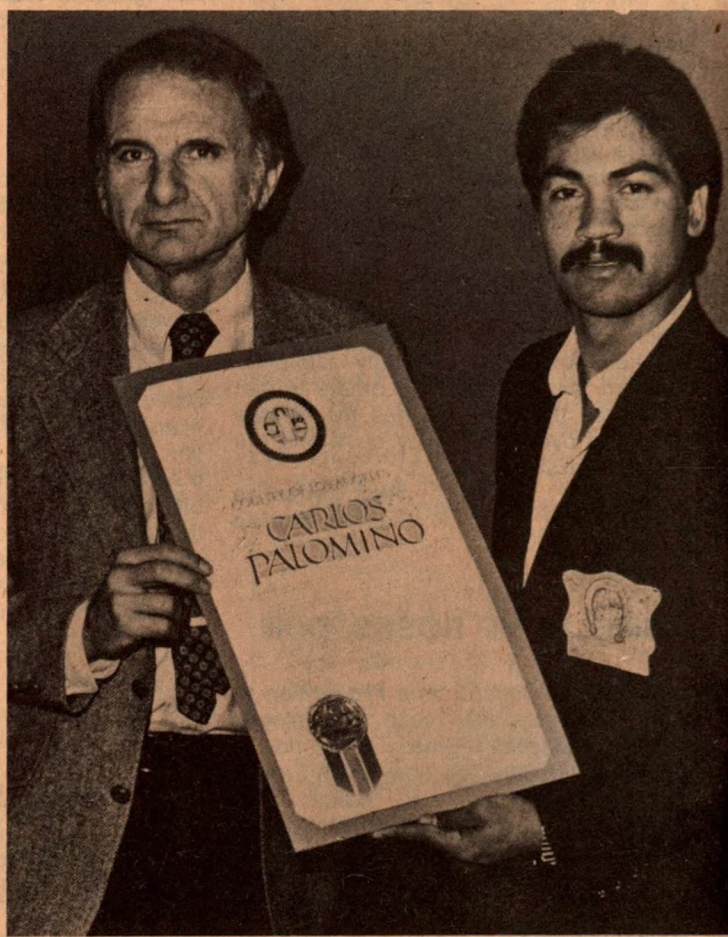
The fight also points out the need for rules similar to what exists in California with respect to technical wins. Since O'Grady was unable to continue as a result of a butt-inflicted cut, and he was winning the fight, the bout should have been stopped with and awarded to O'Grady on a technical win or without decision.

Gerald Matiz
Tucson, Ariz.

the RING camera clicks

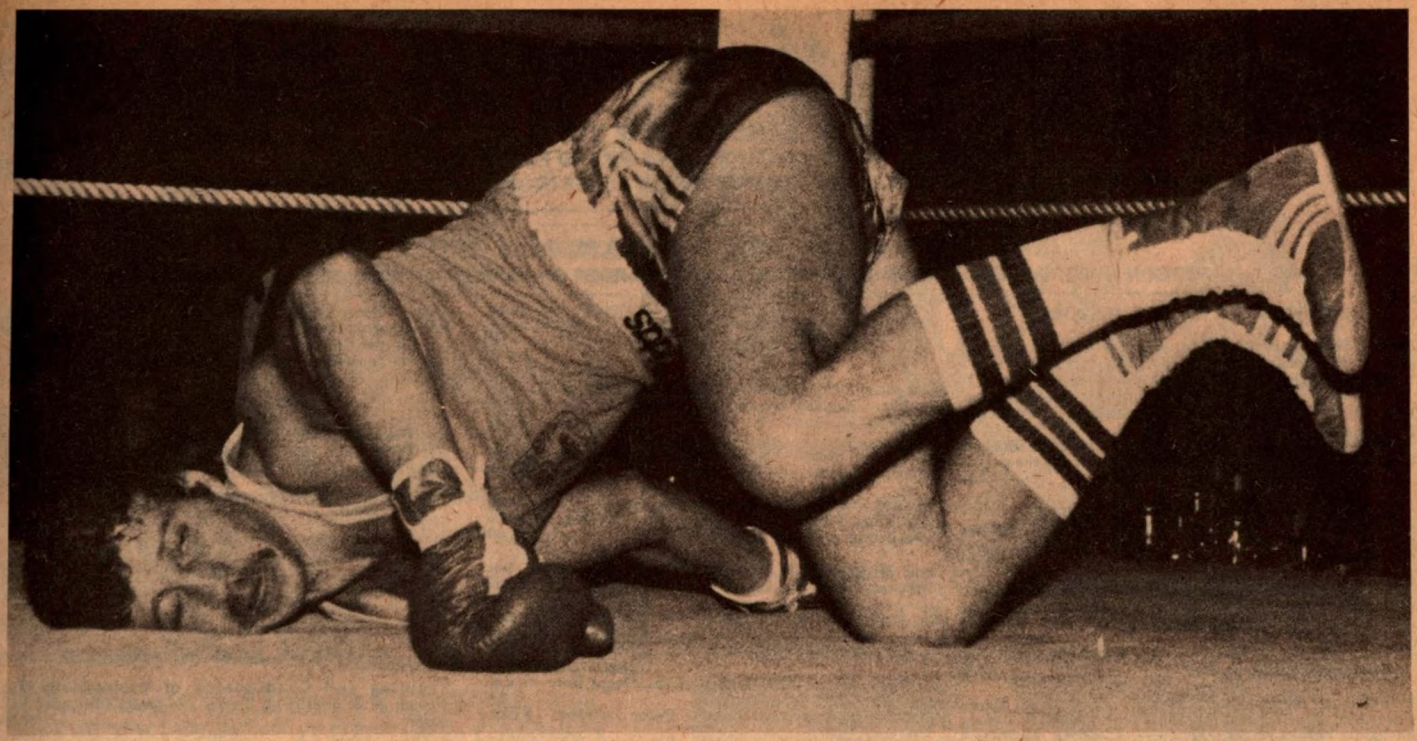
Veteran Boxers' Beat columnist Harry Warren and European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista. Evangelista has held the EBU title since September 9, 1977, when he knocked out Lucien Rodriguez in the eleventh round.

Former United States Navy middleweight Noble "Kid" Chissell and Bob Hope at a gathering in honor of great film director David Butler at the Directors Guild Theatre in Hollywood. Hope had a few bouts under the ring name of Packy East.

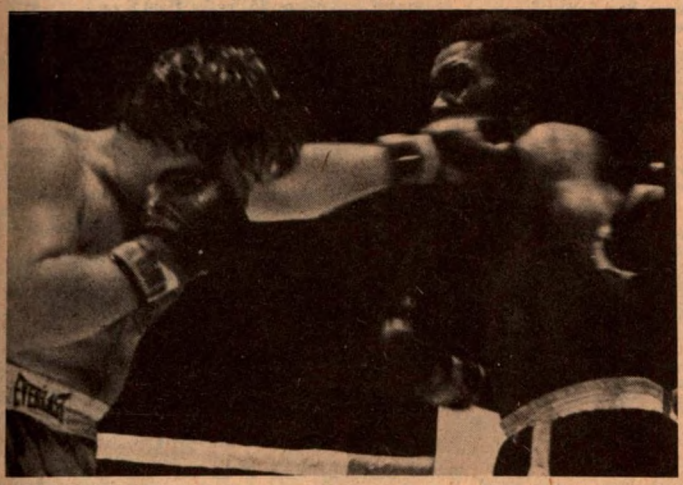


Carlos Palomino was honored by the citizens of Los Angeles County, not only for his accomplishments in the ring, but for his outstanding contributions and service to his fellow citizens and the community. L.A. County Supervisor Ed Edelman presents the certificate of commendation to Palomino.

Pat Stribling, left, Croydon, England contender for the British heavyweight title in the 1940s, with Larry Gains, former Canadian and British Empire heavyweight kingpin, at the celebration in honor of the latter's seventy-eighth birthday. Gains is vice president of the London Ex-Boxers' Association, with headquarters at the Michael Soble Sports Center in Hornsey, London, England.



Haim Kaapi of the Israeli Boxing Team is almost nose down on the canvas after being knocked out by Alex Ramos of the U.S. in the Imperial Ballroom of the Americana Hotel in New York. The bout was a benefit for the Gaucho Basketball Fund, Inc., of New York, which helps youngsters in underprivileged areas.



Heavyweight Ron Stander, who fought Joe Frazier for the world title in 1972, shoots a left at Charlie Polite in their ten-rounder in Omaha. Stander won unanimous decision.

Former heavyweight contender Rex Layne holds the bag for young Jeff Shelburg, heavyweight hopeful out of Salt Lake City, Utah. Shelburg, who is twenty-three years old, has been fighting in the pro ranks for a year and a half.

WBA welterweight champion Jose (Pipino) Cuevas and WBC featherweight champion Danny "Little Red" Lopez surround Luis Rodriguez, bright star out of Panama. Luis hopes to make it on the world scene in 1979.

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By SAM TAUB

Weather conditions around New York, as well as throughout the nation, hampered plenty of our boxing folks, as well as others. A mixture of cold, snow, and sleet and rain raised havoc with folks, yet people in boxing, as well as other sports, had their obligations to fulfill, like the activities in Madison Square Garden, and the events ran their course.

The cold and freezing atmospheric conditions hampered Yours Truly considerably and for a while, outside of using the telephone, we had to be satisfied with being confined to our home at 1855 Marine Parkway, in Brooklyn. News became scarce although there was action in boxing, as well as in other sports, which managed to carry on despite the inclement weather conditions.

Somehow or other, whenever there was some activity in Madison Square Garden or the Felt Forum, we managed to get to *The Ring* office on West 31st St., where the shows had to go on. Reminiscent of the old cliche used by our Post Office folks that despite the rain, the snow or the sleet, the mails must carry on, there are obligations in boxing one must fulfill and, somehow or other, we were able to fill our assignments.

Many times we had to be satisfied with watching the fights away from home via TV and be glad to get them. We did like the victory scored by Wilfred Benitez over Carlos Palomino in Puerto Rico, for the 147 pound crown. There were some other fights on the tube from time to time to make it easy to while away the time in the face of the weather conditions. Whenever there was action in the Garden or Felt Forum, like others, we somehow or other were happy to sit in at ringside. But we'll all be glad when the weather starts becoming better.

As we are pounding this out, we were awaiting several events scheduled involving boxing and other sports. A great show was ahead of us at the Roosevelt Hotel where the Max Kase Sports Lodge of B'Nai B'rith had scheduled their 1979 awards dinner, a five star affair at which Bob Arum, promoter of Top Rank, was being honored as "Man of the Year" and Murray Goodman the man selected to be honored to receive the 1979 Founders Award.

The fistic world was to be well represented with such outstanding members as Jack Dempsey, one of boxing's greatest champions, Mike Rossman, holder of the WBA light heavyweight crown, and other ring personalities of yesteryear and today. Besides, they were paying homage to celebrities from all fields of sports including the New York Yankees, world champions, basketball and hockey personalities.

Another fine affair was scheduled by Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, of Brooklyn, at Micali's Restaurant for two of their life-long members, Sammy Markowitz and Sammy Venti. Both of them were to get the VIP treatment for long and meritorious service. President Berlenbach has been hospitalized by an automobile accident and we believe he won't make it. Markowitz, a former boxer and charter member of Ring #21, has been known for his charity work and his efforts on behalf of the boxing game. Venti, also a charter member, who was also a fine performer, has been a standout officer of the outfit and has not been in the best of health. These two men were expected to get the real VIP treatment. We'll have more anent this get-together and the B'Nai B'rith show in the May issue.

Boxing lost a popular trainer in the passing of Robert Dishman, seventy-one years old, who died following a heart attack. Dishman's association with the manly art of self-defense goes back a long time. A short time before his passing he worked with Larry Stanton at a gymnasium in Uniondale, L.I. Among the fighters Bob trained were Lou (Peanuts) Barbetta, long time pal of Yours Truly, Bob Cassidy, Steve Peaks, and Dave Russell. Bob also worked as a cashier at Roosevelt Raceway, popular harness track. Dishman was survived by his wife, Eleanor, son Robert and three daughters, Ellen Jean McGuiness of Texas, Claire Burvenich of Huntington, and Veronica June of North Babylon, as well as eight grandchildren. Dishman was highly thought of in the boxing profession.

One would hardly believe how many vocations boxers follow after they quit the game. Take the case of our pal, Sam Goldberg, who now lives with his family in Long Beach, N.Y. Sam was one of the founders of Ring #8 in New York. His hobby is writing poetry and he recently published a book called *Poems For My Friends*. He even dedicated one to Yours Truly, which we appreciate and for which we thank him.

Incidentally, Sam has long been a pal of the great welter and middleweight fighter from New York, K.O. Phil Kaplan, who

was a pretty good belter in his day and who also was a member of the staff managed by the late Harry Segal. The latter also managed bantam king Charley Phil Rosenberg and several other outstanding performers during his long association with boxing.

Sam Goldberg has been a standout in the profession for years.

Speaking of Ring #21, in Brooklyn, they lost a longstanding member in the passing of Harry R. Murk, who was a good fighter in his day. His wife Ethel died before him. He was the father of Harry F. and Augusta. Also surviving are his sister Augusta Secor, of Rochester, and sixteen grandchildren.

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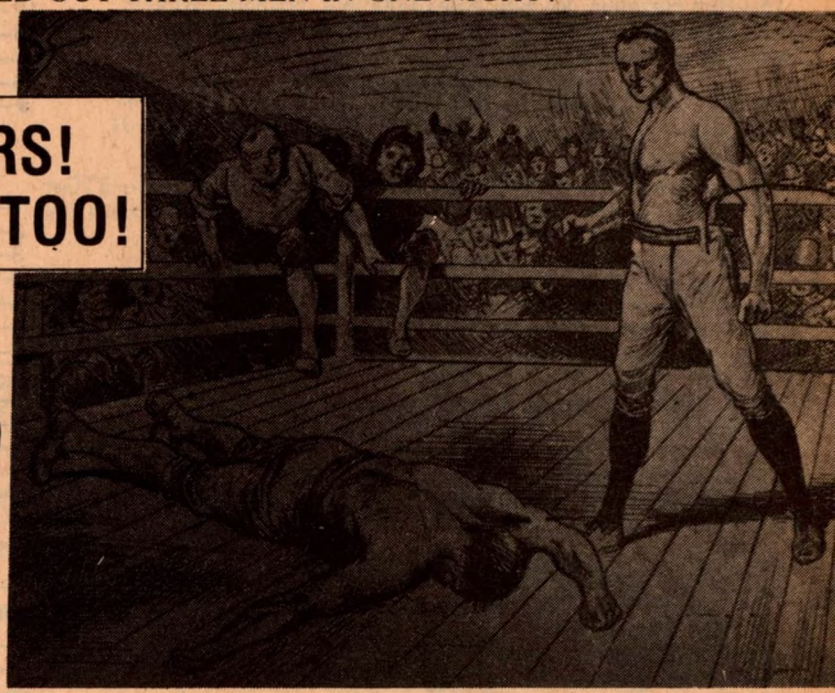

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GAETAN HART

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matter of fact—Hart won five out of his six fights, erasing from his record previous losses suffered at the hand of Jim Henry and Barry Sponacle. Hart lost a disputed fight to Cleveland Dennis and was just hoping for a return bout.

He got this chance in 1978 but he had to defeat Ralph Racine and Rocky Orange before being given a shot at the title, which he won in twelve rounds. That was on April 5 at the Montreal Forum. Since then, Hart has defended his title three times, scoring KO wins over Lee Marsh and former title holder Jean Lapointe and winning a unanimous decision over clutch and grab artist Johnny Summerhayes.

But the career of Hart suddenly appeared to be threatened. After knocking out Ron Mayweather his hands hurt so much that he was afraid for a time that his boxing career had come to an end. Hart had first injured his hands in a fight against tough Michel Rouleau in December, 1977, and had complained continuously that his hands were hurting. This time the situation was serious. Doctors had been consulted before with little results. Then Andy Nadon came upon Dr. Reyald Simard of Ottawa, who examined Gaetan's hands, prescribed physiotherapy and certain special exercises. But for nearly three months, Gaetan Hart and his entourage were deeply worried. Then Hart fought Al Franklin, who had defeated him in the first part of his career. After three cautious rounds Hart opened up and found out that his hands were OK. Despite his courage, Franklin was stopped in eight rounds. Hart was on his way again.

At the end of 1978, his record for the year was perfect: ten fights, ten wins, with five KOs to attest to his good hands.

The Canadian champion, who is now trained by his long-time friend Guy Malette, is looking toward the top ten. He is ready and talks of bouts with Felix Perez and Tommy Rose please him, but he is more anxious to meet Howard Davis. Hart feels that he can beat Davis and he also wants the British Commonwealth title. So, if the call from the United States does not arrive soon, Hart might embark upon a European career. His Irish name, his French Canadian background, plus the fact that he is very articulate make him a natural for any promoter. His manager is looking seriously into these matters. Hart wants an international career for 1979 and a return bout against Escalera would provide the fans with plenty of rugged action.

KNOETZE KAYOES SHARKEY

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bol of apartheid'' and guilty of ''moral turpitude.''

Kallie is an improved fighter since he adopted a modification of the ''peek-a-boo'' style, made famous by Floyd Patterson, and taught to Kallie by Cus D'Amato, Floyd's manager and trainer. In round two, he made punching room for himself and landed the first of many left and right hooks. But it was Knoetze's fast, formidable right uppercut that dominated the fight. Poor Sharkey kept charging straight into it. By the third round, Knoetze's jolts opened a copious cut over Sharkey's right eyelid.

Encouraged by the scarlet seepage, Knoetze opened up in round four. A crunching right uppercut lifted Sharkey off the canvas but he managed to remain upright. Then, the South African charged in like a wild bull elephant. A series of left and right hooks battered Sharkey to the deck. . He beat the count, but he was now bleeding from three separate wounds. Kallie cornered his groggy opponent and unloaded a Bazooka right that put Bill down for the full count.

The eight-round semi-main was a much better scrap as 6-6, 221 pound Gerry Cooney of Huntington, L.I., pounded out a convincing unanimous decision over Eddie ''El Animal'' Lopez.

WORLD RATINGS

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LATE FLASH—Ossie Ocasio's win over Jimmy Young moves him into the number five spot with Young falling to seven. Inactive Lyle drops from six to eight. Coetzee's win over Ibar Arrington moves him from eight to six.

In the light heavies: Bobby Cassidy drops out, inactive. He is replaced by Marvin Camel, who defeated Bob Heflin in two.

Two men fall out of the junior middles: Alvin Anderson, a loser his last time out, and Loucif Hamani, inactive. Moving in eight is Benes and replacing the above two are South African champion Charlie Weir, number nine, and EBU king Gilbert Cohen, France. Gilbert kayoed Tony Lopez and Weir won over Mike Baker.

England's Dave Green, who won the British and EBU welterweight titles by defeating Henry Rhiney, moves from eight to six. Inactive Weston drops from five to eight.

Shoji Oguma's fifteen-round draw with WBA flyweight champ Betulio Gonzalez moves him up to three. Everybody else behind Betulio is down a peg.

Due to a printer's error, the junior welterweight ratings in our March issue were listed incorrectly. They should have read like this:

Champ: WILFRED BENITEZ, Puerto Rico

Group I
1—ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia*

Group II
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS, Puerto Rico
2—MIGUEL MONTILLA, Dominican Republic
3—SAOUL MAMBY, New York, N.Y.
4—DOMINGO AYALA, Puerto Rico +
5—SANG-HYUN KIM, South Korea**
6—SAENSAK MUANGSURIN, Thailand
7—ADRIAN ''NANI'' MARRERO, Dominican Republic
8—ADOLPH VIRUET, Phoenix, Arizona
9—SEAN O'GRADY, Oklahoma City, Ok.
10—JOE KIMPAUANI, Zaire

Group III
(Correct as shown in the March issue)

Also, please note that, due, again, to a printer's error, the number nine slot in the U.S. bantamweight ratings was left out in the March issue. It belonged to Julian Solis of Puerto Rico.

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

They talk about the great ones—and compare ring records—but the greatest ever has to be HENRY ARMSTRONG—the little guy who held three world titles at the same time—featherweight—lightweight and welterweight—the perpetual motion machine—HAMMERLIN HANK—! . . Today, ARMSTRONG is employed by the Washington Patrol Service, Inc.—owned by JUNIUS WASHINGTON—who was a pretty good middleweight in his hey-day—WASHINGTON has a force of 300 men in Escondido,Old fight manager JOE HERMAN used to book ARMSTRONG and WIRT ROSS's numerous other boxers in the thirties. ROSS was a very colorful boxing manager and knew the business as well as the next guy. The latter sold HENRY ARMSTRONG to GEORGE RAFT and AL JOLSON, who turned him over to EDDIE MEAD. 25 years from now it will be hard to believe when you look at ARMSTRONG'S ring record. HERMAN once booked one of WIRT ROSS' fighters, YOUNG PETER JACKSON, in Australia and asked the promoter for an extra ticket for HENRY ARMSTRONG—he turned Joe down. . . . One year later ARMSTRONG became the hottest fighter in the USA. Today ARMSTRONG shows no signs of his numerous ring battles—he's sharp as a tack—a remarkable man indeed! INDIAN YAQUI LOPEZ, top ranked light heavyweight contender—after an off and on again deal—has finally consented to meet unbeaten convict JAMES SCOTT on May 13 on a NBC-TV—but not in Rahway, N.J., state prison, where SCOTT is serving his time—instead it will be held in a tent pitched outside the jail with no prisoners present—but open to the public—LOPEZ will pick up a neat twenty grand for this effort—. . . .LEW JENKINS, former lightweight king now based in Concord, Calif., has taken over as trainer for ERWIN WILLIAMS, a fair-to-middling middleweight—LEW will try to teach WILLIAMS how to throw that devastating straight right hand—a punch that carried the kick of a mule and a simple message:—"bye-bye,' . . . LEW could whack, no doubt about it—. . . . MICHAEL SPINKS came back to action, after ten months of inactivity—with cagey, veteran GEORGIE BENTON in his corner . . . smart move indeed—BENTON knows the game—and could be a big help. . . . Ex-welterweight champion, JOHNNY SAXTON, blames himself for being broke—this is a change as most of the ex-biffers put the blame on someone else . . . . TONY ZALE is still a dedicated guy—he recently boxed an exhibition in Montreal—and did his roadwork prior to the "fight" . . . he had better slow down at his age—he's not 25 anymore—! AL BRAVERMAN, N.Y.C. fight manager has been ill of late—we wish AL a speedy and complete recovery. EDGAR "BAD NEWS" WALLACE who knocked out DAVID LOVE in Phoenix, Arizona, is a cook in the Adams Hotel in that city. . . . KENNY NORTON, who earned $250,000 to knock out RANDY STEPHENS on national TV, picked up another $750,000 to his shootout with EARNIE SHAVERS—this guy is still making money—even though he blew his WBC title to ERNIE HOLMES—how much has HOLMES made with the title????? GIL CLANCY is now in the process of writing a book—along with AL BERNSTEIN The book will deal with all aspects of the boxing scene, with special emphasis on the many wild and humorous experiences CLANCY has had as a manager, trainer, television commentator and matchmaker. . . . should be out late in '79. JACKIE McCOY called ROBERTO DURAN'S performance as a 147-pound welter against MONROE BROOKS "awesome" . . . . McCOY was in BROOKS' corner and should be a man in the know . . . . BRUCE TRAMPLER of the N.Y. Garden was in Kansas City for the TONY CHIAVERINI—ELISHA OBED fight. . . . TRAMPLER would like to match Tony with EDGAR "MAD DOG" ROSS at the N.Y. Garden . . . . Former N.Y. lightweight of the forties, CHESTER RICO, who was managed by JACK BARRETT, is now with the MGM GRAND HOTEL in Las Vegas. . . . Former welterweight NORMAN RUBIO is now in construction around Albany, N.Y. . . . . JACK and TONY TUFO formerly of N.Y.C. opened a gym in Saratoga, where they train the kids—it is located right in City Hall. . . .both TUFO'S boxed in the 40s. . . . Contrary to popular belief, MARTY SERVO, deceased since 1969—and LOU AMBERS were not cousins—this was a publicity gimmick, AMBERS (Luigi D'Ambrosia) and SERVO'S father were from the same town in Italy—that would make them "pisanos"—that's all . . . not related at all. . . . MARTHA LOUIS is still "boiling" over the remarks made by MUHAMMAD ALI at her husband's testimonial dinner at Las Vegas—spiked by racial slurs—and depicting LOUIS as an "Uncle Tom" . . . MARTHA said that she telephoned ALI after the dinner at Caesar's Palace to reprimand him for lacking "good taste" and marring a wonderful evening for her husband. . . . After RANDY SHEILDS was awarded a fourth round knockout over DAVID MADRID (the Vera Cruz lightweight complained of a twisted ankle—another knockout followed when a member of the SHIELDS entourage flattened

"Sailor" Don Sauer, "Ringside" boxing columnist and former U.S. Navy welterweight champion.

a heckler who was trying to get to RANDY and his father, SONNY. . . . A kid to watch in 1979—KENNY KLINGMAN, trained by the knowledgeable LOU GROSS at Miami Beach—young KLINGMAN is a middleweight who is coming on all eight. . . . A native of Nyak, N.Y. KENNY attended MacArthur High for a year before moving to Miami Beach—he played freshman basketball for the Mustangs. . . . He is sponsored by DICK CAMI, owner of the Top of the Roof restaurant. . . . KLINGMAN sees himself as champion in five years—"I agree", says LOU GROSS—"if I didn't think he will be another champion, I wouldn't be fooling around with him,' . . . . WILLIE GILZENBERG dead at the age of 77—in Miami. . . . WILLIE once the manager of FREDDIE "RED" COCHRANE who beat FRIZIE ZIVIC for the welterweight title in 1941. . . . More recently, WILLIE promoted wrestling at the N.Y. Garden and made a bundle with the "grunt and groaners". . . . WILLIE PASTRANO now training fellow-townsman, TONY LICATA—but I am afraid it is too late for LICATA—PASTRANO was light-heavyweight champ and lost his title to JOSE TORRES. . . . A lot of old TV fans who watched the fights are asking whatever became of RALPH "TIGER" JONES and DOUG JONES—who were always "on the tube". . . . I'd like to know myself. . . . JIMMY WILSON, ex-manager of VINCENTE SALDIVAR has purchased Denver heavyweight LeROY JONES for $20,000. . . .

See you next month—keep punching!!

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

MONTES WHIPS RAMIREZ

LOS ANGELES — Herman Montes kept his record unblemished through fifteen fights by taking a one sided ten-rounder over Fili Ramirez, 136, Mexico City, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Montes, who weighed 136, had Ramirez down twice, but couldn't keep him there. Scoring with hard right hand punches, Herman decked his rival for eight counts in the second and fourth rounds.

Young Herman, who resides in nearby Pico-Rivera, would like to tackle unbeaten Howard Davis next.

Other results: Larry Myers, 157, Los Angeles, kayoed Rod Harvey, 151, Los Angeles, five; Jaimie Garza, 118½, Mexico, kayoed Defino Cornejo, 115½, East Los Angeles, two; Petrolino Velasquez, 135½, Los Angeles, outpointed Al Carranza, 136½, Mexico.

▲SAN DIEGO — Zeferino (Zeffie) Gonzalez, 154½, Pico-Rivera, used a sharp left hook to offset Antonio Adame, 160, Mexico, in their ten-round feature at the Coliseum.

Robbie Bryant, 218½, San Diego, edged Rahim Muhammad, 185½, San Diego, in the six-round semifinal.

Other results: Eric Bonilla, 138½, Puerto Rico, outpointed Sergio Nualarte, 138½, Mexico, four; Johnny Morgan, also known as Musthfa Shabazz, 161, Los Angeles, outscored Steve Bentley, 160, San Diego, six.

The gate was $2,109.

▲BAKERSFIELD — Two California championship bouts highlighted the card at Strongbow Stadium.

Juan Escobar, 129, Los Angeles, shaded Miguel Meza, 126½, Los Angeles, to grab off the State junior lightweight title, in twelve rounds.

Freddie Gonzales, 116, Los Angeles, nodded Daryl (Pee Man) Jones, 119, Los Angeles, in a fast paced twelve-rounder. Freddie is the new California super bantam champ.

In a third main event, Vicente Saldivar, 137, Mexicali, Mexico, was awarded a controversial win over Hector Rivera, 137¾, San Juan, P.R. The referee ruled that Saldivar was cut from an accidental butt and couldn't continue at the end of the sixth round.

The gate came to $5,182.

▲SAN DIEGO — Len Provo, 177½, finished off Gene Miera, 175½, Lawndale (Cal.), with a barrage of blows at 1:20 of the first round. Provo may develop into a good attraction, as he is from San Diego.

Steve Delgado, 155, San Diego, outscored Teddy Sanders, 156, Los Angeles, in an entertaining ten-rounder.

San Diego's Mike Rundell, 146, edged Lalo Hernandez, 144½, Los Angeles, in a six-rounder.

▲LEFT JABS — *The L.A. Times'* Jack Hawn named Danny Lopez as the top Southern California boxer for 1978 . . . The two best action fights were Alfonso Zamora-Alberto Sandoval and Bruce Curry-Monroe Brooks . . . . Sid Marks, top Canadian bantamweight of the 1920s, passed away in Gardena (Cal) . . . . Al Silvani, the transplanted New York trainer, will be in the picture *Raging Bull*, the story of Jake LaMotta . . . . Silvani was LaMotta's actual trainer 'way back when' . . . Freda Smith, the daughter of veteran manager Ralph Gambina, is co-manager with her dad of heavyweight Eddie (The Animal) Lopez . . . . Harry Kabakoff will team with his fighter, Jesus Pimentel, to promote bi-monthly fights at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

GOLDEN GATE

● *By CHRISTOPHER COATS* ●

▲OAKLAND — Visitors from out of town are supposed to show good manners. Gary Guiden, Muncie, Indiana, was quite rude during his brief visit to Oakland. After trailing for five rounds, Guiden turned the fight around and kayoed local hotshot Erwin Williams at 0:55 of the ninth.

Guiden proved to be a steady performer; not flashy, not particularly fast of hand or foot, but a determined, pressing puncher. His knockout over Williwams was accomplished by a steady drumming of shots that began to land without reply around the sixth round. Williams faded badly. He did not hit the canvas, but then his sole means of support was the ring ropes. It was a sad picture.

Guiden, twenty-three years old, upped his record to 27-2, 24 by knockout. He will most certainly be moving on to bigger fights, most likely to the big-city auditoriums.

The show was promoted by Stewart Katz, his first card in fight-starved Oakland, and though an artistic success, it just broke even. A crowd of 745 paid $6,548. Williams' record is now 14-2.

In the opener; unbeaten Ron Cummings, 144, Sacramento, won a unanimous decision over Maurice Aldana, 145, Mexico, in eight tough rounds. Cummings, now 11-0-1, had to pick himself off the canvas in the second. Finally, Len Lawson, 184, Oakland, scored a sixth round knockout over rugged Leni Vanisi, 179, Burlingame, to remain unbeaten in four pro starts.

▲STOCKTON — Bobby Chacon was hoping this bout would be a tune-up to a crack at the WBC junior lightweight crown. As it was, he scored a near shutout win over fleetfooted Gerald Hayes at the Civic Auditorium. Hayes, flown in from New Jersey, showed the former WBC featherweight champion lots of respect as he kept on the run till the final bell.

In the preliminaries, Basha Ali, 182, Oakland, won a six round unanimous decision over Tony Stone, 182, Sacramento. Joe Maldonado, 148, Fresno, spoiled the pro debut of Leonard Thomas, 145, Sacramento, and took a unanimous decision over six. Finally, Pascual Ramirez, 174, Sacramento, TKO'd Anzel James, 176, Sacramento, in the third. James was doing quite well until he ran into some head punches.

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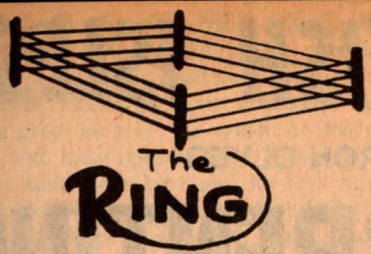

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By RON OLVER

GARDNER STOPS SORRENTINO

ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON — In his first ring appearance since becoming British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion, John L. Gardner, 204¾, beat American Greg Sorrentino, 192¾, the bout being stopped halfway through the seventh, when the latter was near exhaustion.

First man on the ring apron was former world champ Carmen Basilio who looks after Sorrentino, and who was on the point of retiring his man when referee Roland Dakin intervened.

An exciting contest, a "survival of the fittest" battle, and Sorrentino's determination to fight until he dropped was indeed reminiscent of his mentor.

My mind kept going back to Basilio, arguably the toughest of all the champs in the welter and middleweight divisions. While he was in Britain he was Guest of Honor of the British Boxing Writers' Club at a special luncheon, and enthralled everyone present with his reminiscences.

At ringside, he was totally involved in the action, with remarks like "Move, Greg, move" and "you gotta get loose." He gained the biggest ovation of the evening when introduced from the ring prior to the fights, and had a special embrace for former world middleweight champ Terry Downes, who learned his boxing in the U.S. Marines.

Forgive the digression, but this Basilio is really something. We all hope he'll be back again soon.

So back to the fight, and Gardner survived a few anxious moments but it all came right in the end after the fans had enjoyed a good old punch-up.

Sorrentino was handicapped by a swollen left eye from the opening session, but luckily for him it did not worsen as time went on.

The American ducked very low at times, and Gardner's punches accordingly strayed low on one or two occasions. But it wasn't a dirty fight, and both men deserve a lot of credit for absorbing punishment and coming back for more.

Gardner kept punching away with both hands, shrugging off his opponent's jabs to get in with short rips to the body, and the American looked as if he were booked for an early defeat as early as the third.

However, Sorrentino didn't lack courage, and he survived a rocky fourth to come back well in the fifth, when it was Gardner's turn to back up. Greg had found a new lease on life from somewhere, and delivered a solid right hand that must have hurt. This was followed by a left hook, and there were shouts of encouragement from Basilio as his charge looked to be assuming the upper hand.

But it was only a short time before Gardner shook off the effects of those punches, and it was toe-to-toe stuff in the sixth, Sorrentino coming off worst, and gasping for breath. To his credit he stayed upright, but he had taken several hefty blows in the round.

Came the seventh, and what proved to be the last. Sorrentino's legs looked weary, and Gardner wasted no time in going on the attack, raining blows from both hands, with the American wilting more with every punch he took.

Roland Dakin, who refereed superbly, intervened at exactly the right moment, and Basilio was in the ring like a flash to comfort his boxer.

The fans used to boo Joe Bugner because he wasn't an exciting fighter to watch. One thing's for sure. They cannot say that about Gardner. He's got guts, he can fight, and he'll do so until he drops. And he had the satisfaction of beating the man who beat Ibar Arrington, the only fighter to have defeated Gardner.

Dave Green, Chatteris, 148¾, had no difficulty in disposing of American Sammy Masias, 146. The latter was floored by a two-handed attack, and was well and truly "out."

The referee didn't take up the count from the timekeeper, stating that he was more concerned with getting Macias medical help as quickly as possible.

This was more like the form of which Green is capable. He was taking more time over his punching, not wasting any on thin air, and although he said he was nervous about throwing right hands (broken in one of his previous bouts), he forgot about that in the heat of the battle, and it was a right that first put Masias down for eight.

The American looked in trouble on rising, and Green was quickly at him, tossing punches from both hands, with Masias not hitting back. A right to the head, then a left to the body, and that was the end as far as Masias was concerned.

He had no chance of recovering in time, and was, in fact, unable to rise for nearly a minute.

There are those who say "Wait until Charlie Magri meets the little men from Mexico. Then he'll know what the world's best flyweights are really like."

Take no notice, Charlie. Just go on winning, and gaining experience all the while. His latest victory was over Spanish champ Mariano Garcia, 112, whom he kayoed in round three.

The 22-year-old Magri, 111½, thus made it nine in a row, eight of them inside schedule. And to beat a man with nearly fifty fights under his belt so conclusively was an excellent performance.

Garcia was willing enough, jabbed neatly but was bewildered at the early pace. Magri made every punch tell, and there was nowhere for Garcia to hide.

Magri took a left to the head in the second, then came in to land a right to his opponent's head. Garcia was shaken, left himself open to a following left that put him on the canvas.

He rose at eight, and was being freely punished at the bell. The Spaniard had lost some of his speed now, and wasn't able to skip away after jabbing. So he had to stand and try to punch it out, a ploy which meant he had no chance.

Garcia continued to soak up punishment, was driven to the ropes, where he took a fusillade of blows, culminating in a right to the body. He fell to his knees, and in this position was counted out.

It wasn't the victory, but the manner of the victory, that impressed about Magri. He did everything right, and what more can anyone ask for after only nine bouts?

Frank McCord, Swansea, 146, outpointed Sid Smith, Forest Hill, over six by 59½-58, a margin that rather surprised many.

Smith thus lost his unbeaten certificate.

There was a bit of needle, both being told to cool it, and there was too much holding. McCord came forward from the opening bell, but Smith looked the cleaner puncher.

McCord was down in the third, and Smith in the following round.

In a neat little contest, Gary Nickels, 121½, outpointed Pip Coleman, 120¾, Wales, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

Nickels had the style and the skill, Coleman the energy to keep throwing punches Unfortunately, not all were on target, an others were blocked.

Both were injured, Coleman by the righ eye and Nickels' mouth bled.

Having his first contest for nearly a year Sylvester Mittee, Bethnal Green, 140, hac

little difficulty in halting Ray Ross, Ardglass, 140½, the bout being stopped in round two after Ross had been decked.

Mittee looked perfectly composed as he went about his task. He turned on the pressure with hefty right hooks to follow his left jabs. Ross' nose bled and he had stopped retaliating when the closure was applied.

Jimmy Harrington, 164½, ended his second pro fight in the same manner as he had done his first, with a one-round victory. Lloyd Gardner, Acton, 163, was in trouble in a corner when the referee intervened to save him from further punishment.

▲Marton Country Club—Neil Malpass, Middlesbrough, 212, beat Frenchman Christian Poncelet, 195, the bout being stopped in the third round after Poncelet had been down three times.

Malpass gave an impressive performance, and once he had his man going he didn't let him off the hook.

George Feeney, Hartlepool, 135, outscored Eric Wood, Doncaster, 132½, by 80-77 over eight, not losing a round. After holding a stoppage win over Wood in his pro debut, Feeney must have been favored to repeat the dose, but couldn't manage it, and it was not a very enterprising scrap to watch.

Northern Area light heavyweight champ Reg Long, Peterlee, 188, drew with George Scott, Newcastle, 217, over eight. Long did well to overcome the weight handicap.

Derek Nelson, Sunderland, 142, kayoed Brendan O'Donnell, Liverpool, 139, in the fourth with a right hand.

Ian Murray, Manchester, 120, drew with Alan Storey, Sunderland, 118, over four.

▲Minster Holiday Centre — It has been some time since professional boxing was held in this area, but this show was a good one, and it is anticipated that there will be more. Billy Waith, Cardiff, 148½, gave his usual good performance of defense and ringcraft to outpoint and outwit Carl Bailey, Manchester, 148, who came in as a substitute. Score over eight was 79½-78.

Bailey counterpunched to good effect, but Waith's superiority at close quarters and greater experience saw him home.

Lloyd Lee, Harlesden, 147, outscored Ian Cole, Brighton, 150, over six by 59-58. Cole was down in the second, and again at the end of the fifth, but this time there was no count.

Johnny Waring, Catford, 139, outpointed Ian Pickersgill, Doncaster, 138, by the narrowest margin of 59-58½ over six. Both were warned on several occasions in a mauling affair.

Dave Pearce, Wales, 189, kayoed Bob Bleau, Crawley, 198, in the second round with a left to the jaw.

Lloyd James, Muswell Hill, 167, beat Reginald Squire, Swindon, 170, the bout being stopped in round one after the latter had been down twice.

▲Evesham Sporting Club — Former British light heavy champ Tim Wood, Leicester, 174, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 176, over eight by 78½-78.

Wood started well, with accurate jabs to the face, but was caught in the third by a couple of good punches from Fenton. Tim, however, recovered well, and after that it was nip and tuck all the way.

Fenton staged a grandstand finish, scoring with some hefty right hands, but this wasn't quite enough to make up the leeway.

Martin McEwan, Birmingham, 164, outscored Joe Jackson, Coventry, 160, by 59½-58½ over six in an uneventful contest.

Alan Bagley, Birmingham, 197, outpointed John Depledge, Leeds, 201, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

John Henry, Leicester, 131, drew with Carl Mullings, Birmingham, 128, over six.

▲Top Rank Suite, Swansea — Chris Lawson, Cardigan, 171, won the vacant Welsh light heavyweight title by outpointing Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 170½, in a very close ten-rounder, points margin being the narrowest possible of 98½-98.

Lawson was marked by both eyes, and did well under these circumstances. McKenzie had a swelling under the left eye in the ninth, and was decked in the final round.

This reversed a previous defeat for Lawson, who has now won six out of eight.

Pip Coleman, Swansea, 119½, outscored Mick Whelan, Paddington, 122, over six by 60-58. There was a lot of mauling, and Whelan was down three times.

Brian Schofield, Australia, 144½, outscored Dai Davies, Swansea, 141½, over six by 59-57½ in a hard-fought battle with plenty of leather exchanged on both sides.

Nigel Thomas, eighteen-year-old from Swansea, 144¼, kayoed John Chard, Newport, 149, in the seventh after decking him in the fourth.

▲Caister Holiday Centre — Romal Ambrose, Leicester, beat Richard Kenyon, Halifax, in a middleweight battle, the bout being stopped in the eighth and final round.

There had been little in it up to that stage, then Kenyon suddenly ran out of gas and Ambrose drove him to the ropes, landing with punches from both hands, whereupon the referee intervened.

When they met before Ambrose won on a fifth-round stoppage.

Theo Josephs, Halifax, outscored Derek Simpkin, Swadlincote, over six by 59½-58.

Najib Daho, Moroccan, based in Manchester, narrowly outscored Tommy Wright, Doncaster, in a lightweight contest. Scoreline 59-58½ over six. It was Wright's first bout for nearly two years, and he was decked in the first round.

Larry Richards, Leicester, outpointed Bonnet Bryan, Halifax, in a featherweight six-rounder by 59-58.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester — The fans didn't take kindly to the points verdict awarded to Chris Glover, Liverpool, 151, over Tony Kavanagh, Birmingham, 149. Scoreline after eight was 79-78½.

Glover was decked in the fourth, and was for the main, on the defensive.

Tony Carroll, Liverpool, 137¾, confirmed a previous victory by outpointing Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 138, over six by 59-58½.

Martin Bridge, Bradford, 142, drew with Dai Davies, Swansea, 141¾, over six.

George Schofield, Liverpool, 138, made it three in a row by kayoing Shaun Stewart, Barnsley, 137, as the bell ended the first round. Stewart had already been down for nine.

▲Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Southend — Dennis Andries, Hackney, 177, just edged home against Tom Collins, Leeds, 177, by 78½-78 over eight. The fans enjoyed this one, and tossed in nobbins to the value of £40.

Collins jabbed neatly to gain an early lead, but Andries' greater strength prevailed, and from the sixth, he made up the leeway with two-handed attacks, and was well on top in the final round.

Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 145, beat Johnny Beauchamp, 144, the bout being stopped in the second to save the latter from further punishment.

Herol Graham, Sheffield, 156, also won inside schedule, when Curtis Marsh, Islington, 159, retired at the end of the opening session after being down twice.

Gordon George, Wood Green, 160, beat Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 156, who was disqualified in the fifth for misuse of the head.

▲Lakeland Forum, Enniskillen — Steve Early, Coventry, 139, remains unbeaten in twelve bouts after defeating Davy Campbell, Ireland, 138, the referee intervening in the second round when Campbell sustained an eye injury.

Gordon Ferris, Enniskillen, 190, kayoed Martin Nee, Paddington, 204, in the fourth with a right to the jaw.

Sean McGarry, Roscommon, 136, outscored Benny Purdy, Belfast, 133, by the narrow margin of 79½-79 over eight. Purdy's right hands were a feature of the closing rounds, but McGarry had already established a good lead.

Peter Gorny, Solihull, 159, made it five in succession by outpointing Trevor Kerr, Enniskillen, 161, over eight by 80-78½, not losing a round.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Central Area light heavyweight champion Francis Hand, Liverpool, 176, outscored Errol McKenzie, Cardiff, 171½, over eight by 79½-78½.

Southpaw Hand forced it in a fight with little positive action, and it was only after the fifth round that McKenzie decided to have a go. But it didn't work, and Hand proved the stronger in the last round when Errol was cut over the left eye and bled from the nose.

Errol's brother, Bonny McKenzie, 174½, came along for the ride, but found himself roped in as a substitute and outpointed Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 167, by 79-78 over eight.

Bonny started fast, but tired, and was on the receiving end in the last three rounds. Many thought Angus deserved at least a draw.

Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, 121, outpointed Mick Whelan, Paddington, 121, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Boyd Farrar, Hayes, 169½, beat Peter Tidgwell, Bradford, 176½, the bout being stopped when Tidgwell's right eye was closed. Farrar was well on top.

▲Mayflower Leisure Centre, Plymouth — I was delighted to see professional boxing return to my hometown, where that great champion Len Harvey had most of his early fights. Thanks is due to former welter champ Eddie Thomas for starting promoting there after the city had been starved of boxing for many years.

In the top-liner Colin Jones, Gorseinon, 146, made it eight in a row by beating Johnny Pincham, Crawley, the referee intervening in the fourth after Pincham had been down twice.

Jones punched with authority and looks one to watch.

Najib Daho, Manchester, 133½, outscored Vernon Penprase, Plymouth, 129¼, over eight by the narrow margin of 79-78½. Daho just kept plugging away and had established a good lead before Penprase came into the fight.

However, Penprase was the cleaner puncher and was fast making up the leeway in spite of being handicapped by a swollen right eye.

David Pearce, Newport, 191, made it three in a row by outpointing Theo Josephs, Halifax, 190, over eight by 79-78. Plenty of action, Pearce forcing at the start and shaking his man in the second.

Then it was Josephs' turn, and with fortunes fluctuating, Pearce's body punching clinched the issue in the final rounds.

Frank McCord, Swansea, 143, drew with Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 141, over six.

Dai Davies, Swansea, 141, outscored Selvin Bell, Manchester, 137½, over six by 60-59. Bell's clowning amused the fans, but failed to earn him victory.

▲Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham — Rocky Beaumont, Hull, 136, gained an eight-rounds points victory against veteran Bingo Crooks, 135½, scoreline 78½-78.

A narrow margin, and the verdict was not well received by the fans. It looked as if Crooks' experience had proved too much for his opponent, but the referee thought otherwise.

Six rounds of all-action brought nobbins to Roger Guest, Dudley, 141½, and Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 141, the result being a popular draw.

Gary Ball, Putney, 128, outpointed Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 127, over six by 59½-57½. When they met a month previously, the result was a four-round draw, but this time Ball was better suited to the extra two rounds.

Harry Watson, Cambridge, 154, outpointed Dennis Pryce, Wolverhampton, 150, over six by 59-58½, with Pryce's rally coming too late.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — British light welter champ Clinton McKenzie suffered the indignity of being put on the canvas in round two by Tony Martey, Ghana, 140, but it was only his pride that was hurt, and he got up to outscore his man by 78½-78 over eight.

Although there was little between them in several of the rounds, it did seem that the margin of victory should have been wider, with McKenzie's superior boxing skills keeping him in front against a willing opponent who took him all the way.

Cornelius Boza-Edwards, 136, beat Frenchman Georges Cotin, 134¼, the bout being stopped in the opening round after the latter had been floored.

Dave Armstrong, Hackney, 160½, outpointed Owen Slue, Catford, 161, by 60-58 over six, not losing a round. Slue was handicapped by a cut left eye in the fifth, but Armstrong was the busier throughout.

Barry Price, Crawley, 137½, outpointed Eric Wood, Doncaster, 137, by 79½-78 over eight. Late sub Wood was taking part in his twenty-sixth bout of 1978.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
John L. Gardner (E)
1. Les Stevens (E)
2. Trevor Berbick (C)
3. George Chuvalo (C)
4. Paul Sykes (D)
5. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
6. Billy Aird (E)
7. Tony Moore (J)
8. Neville Meade (J)
9. Denton Ruddock (J)
10. Steve Aczel (A)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Summerhays (C)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wasaja (U)
3. Lotte Mwale (Z)
4. Tony Mundine (A)
5. David Conteh (E)
6. Bunny Johnson (E)
7. Victor Attivor (G)
8. Rab Affleck (S)
9. Rocky St. Clair (A)
10. Ernie Barr (B)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ayub Kalule (U)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Frankie Lucas (St. Vin.)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Monty Betham (NZ)
5. Bunny Sterling (J)
6. Eddie Melo (C)
7. Fernand Marcotte (C)
8. Al Korovou (A)
9. Torkano Marcos (Fi)
10. Tony Sibson (E)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Maurice Hope (An)
1. Rocky Mattiloi (A)
2. Jimmy Batten (E)
3. Wally Carr (A)
4. Jim Gillon (A)
5. Elisah Obed (B)
6. Dave Proud (E)
7. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
8. Robbie Davies (E)
9. Larry Paul (E)
10. Phil Davies (A)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. Chris Clark (C)
3. Henry Rhiney (J)
4. Hector Thompson (A)
5. John H. Stracey (E)
6. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
7. Neil Pattel (A)
8. Eddie Marcel (T)
9. Vernon Lewis (Gu)
10. Roy Goss (Tr)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jeff Malcolm (A)
1. Lachie Austin (A)
2. Colin Powers (E)
3. Clinton McKenzie (J)
4. Des Morrison (J)
5. Frank Ropis (A)
6. Josef Nsubuga (U)
7. Andy Broome (A)
8. Joey Gibilisco (A)
9. Al Ford (C)
10. Obisia Nwakpa (N)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Hogan Jimoh (N)
1. Claude Noel (Tr)
2. Jim Watt (S)
3. Charlie Nash (I)
4. Len Blackmore (Gu)
5. Gaetan Hart (C)
6. Ralph Racine (C)
7. Barry Michael (A)
8. Johnny Claydon (E)
9. Jonathan Dele (N)
10. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Dave Needham (E)
3. Les Pickett (W)
4. Jimmy Flint (E)
5. Nick Lo Bianco (A)
6. Pat Cowdell (E)
7. Reg King (A)
8. Gerry Duffy (S)
9. Roger Henry (A)
10. Brian Roberts (A)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Owen (W)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Sulley Shittu (G)
3. Wayne Evans (E)
4. Guinea Hillier (A)
5. Dave Smith (E)
6. Gary Davidson (E)
7. John Feeney (E)
8. Kirk Blair (A)
9. George Sutton (W)
10. Jimmy Bowen (A)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Steve Bell (A)
3. Pedro Solo (A)
4. Ray Amoo (N)
5. Charlie Brown (A)
6. Roger Richens (A)
7. Glen Walsh (A)
8. Neil McLaughlin (I)
9. John Hipwell (A)
10. Bryn Griffiths (W)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders are Mike Drayton (Tr), Jean Lapointe (C), and Kazeen Armah (N).

Legend: (AN) Antigua; (A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (C) Canada; (D) Dominica; (E) England; (Fi) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghanda; (Gu) Guyana; (In) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (T) Trinidad; (To) Tonga; (U) Uganda; (W) Wales; (Z) Zambia.

PEDROZA TKO'S KOBAYASHI

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Venezuelan referee Isidro Rodriguez tabbed the onesided affair 129-122, while judges Marcos Torres of Panama and Japanese Hiroyuki Tezaki had it 129-122 and 130-124, all in the champ's favor.

Jubilant victor Pedroza upped his record to twenty-six victories with sixteen inside the distance against three defeats (all by kayo). In April of 1976, some two years before he became the WBA feather titlist, Pedroza had taken an ambitious crack at the bantamweight crown, being demolished at the hands of Mexican lefty Alfonso Zamora in two quick rounds in Mexicali. He outgrew the 118-pound class. Standing at 5'9" and possessed of a good reach as a 126-pounder, Eusebio improved thereafter and remained unbeaten by gaining not only Panama's national feather title from Rodolfo Francis, but also the WBA version in the last two years. Pedroza, whose timing in combination punching was superb this night confidently said, "Kobayashi was unlucky to fight a strong champion like me. He was a game hard-hitter. But my defense and offense were too good for him."

Eusebio, born in Maracaibo, is a plain-clothes policeman in his native land, Panama, where he idolized Ismael Laguna and Ernest Marcel, and mastered the busy hit-and-run tactics of his ring heros.

In less than nine months, Pedroza has retained his WBA crown three times. He technically kayoed Mexico's Ernest Herera in twelve lopsided rounds in July and earned a fifteen-round unanimous decision over Puerto Rican Enrique Solis last November.

The young champ from Panama talked about his fight plan. "Next month I will defend it again, either with ex-leader Ruben Olivares or with rising Hector Carrasquilla. I will work as frequently as possible in order to prove I am the number one featherweight boxer."

It is certainly the best thing, for his purpose, that Pedroza face WBC titleholder and tremendous puncher, Danny Lopez of California ¿ *Verdad?*

CERVANTES BEATS MONTILLA

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stopped the contest at 1:24.

The paid attendance was 13,327 and the receipts were $224,827.23. Speculation is that MSG lost money on the card, but no official word has been received.

What's next for Kid Pambele? There's talk of him challenging Wilfred Benitez, his former conqueror, for the latter's 147-pound diadem. The youthful Wilfred, though, would prove too much for him. Cervantes says he's only thirty-three, but some reliable reports put him at forty. He has the face of a man in his forties and there's a gray cluster on the top of his dome.

A much more logical, and beatable, opponent would be Sang-Hyun Kim of Korea, the WBC junior welter champion. Will the match be made—Cervantes against the WBC champion?

Are you kidding?

NICO PEREZ: SUPER BANTAM

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as a boxer—amateur or pro. He was a three-time Chihuahua state champion as an amateur, fighting in the flyweight and bantamweight divisions.

"I started boxing when I was about ten years old," Perez says. "By the time I knew I really wanted a career as a boxer, I was already in it."

It all started rather by accident. Young Perez had a friend who was a boxer. "I would go with him when he went to train in the gym," Perez says. "Finally, one day he invited me to go to the fights and watch him. I really liked it. I asked my friend, 'If I work out, do you think they will let me fight?' He said yes, and just like that, I became a boxer.

"I never missed a workout. I trained every day. I trained for two years before I had my first fight. I believe training is important to a boxer. I still have a long way to go before I will become a world champion. I think I need to mature a bit more, but you know, few of us reach that goal of a title at a young age."

"He's very serious about his career," Weathers says of Perez. "He is a versatile kid. He will fight bantamweights on up to featherweights, but mostly featherweights. I think definitely he can be champion of the world. He is just eighteen years old, and he is not even fully developed yet."

"He has a good future," says trainer Beto Martinez. "He is a lively fighter. He is not a kid with a lot of punch, but he is very rapid. He is a very disciplined kid. I never have to tell him twice to do anything.

"He gets up early in the morning and runs. He eats only what he knows he should eat. As a trainer, I really enjoy working with him because he listens to what I say and then he does it. There's nobody more dedicated to boxing than he is."

Hair carefully styled and combed, Perez looks rather meek for a boxer. His large, dark eyes don't give a hint of the mayhem he is capable of perpetrating. He is quiet, unassuming by nature, almost to the point of shyness.

But don't let looks fool you because he can hit. He is especially deadly with the right uppercut. One second he is hovering around you, his eyes looking you over, and the next he is on you.

"I was impressed with Nico from the first moment I saw him," says Weathers, who lives in El Paso but has Perez stabled in Tucson, Arizona. "Another boxer of mine, Miguel Estrada, brought him to me from Chihuahua.

"Probably more than anything else, I was impressed with Nico's winning personality. I've always liked his conversation because he just has good thoughts about people. And I like his desire."

Perez's whole life seems to revolve around the gym and the ring, but that's the way he wants it.

U.S. TITLE BOUTS

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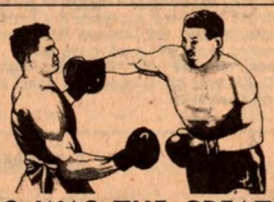

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SCOTT FRANK

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Tiger to the middleweight and light heavyweight titles. "I know I have the power," explained Frank, "but Chickie is teaching me the tricks and defensive moves that I need to become a complete fighter."

Scott Frank may not be a complete fighter at this early stage of his career, but he is already an extremely popular one. A record-breaking, sell-out crowd turned out for his fight with Wepner, and most of them were there to cheer for Scott.

Scott and manager Duva haven't let the Wepner win go to their heads. Frank figures that he will be ready for "someone like Scott LeDoux, after another five or so fights". He hopes to fight once a month during the coming year, at the end of which he will be ready to fight a world-ranked opponent. With good young heavies like Guy Casale and Mike Tarasewich active in the Garden State, there will be no shortage of capable challengers for his Jersey crown. Like any young fighter, Frank dreams of a world title tomorrow, but how good is he right now? "Good enough to beat a Righetti or an Evangelista," says Scott. After seeing the purple-scarlet, misshapen thing that was Chuck Wepner's face after Frank had remodeled it with his fists, I would call that a rather modest self-evaluation.

GUY CASALE: "THE ROCK"

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tered entirely around Halpern, who had helped promote the fight by selling thousands of tickets.

"I felt bad that they built this guy up so much and didn't give me credit for anything," said Rocky. "They thought he was going to run right through me. That really got my goat and made me train harder."

While the fight lasted it was a war. Halpern was winging haymakers, Casale pounding to the body.

"I kept going to his body," said Casale. "That's my style—I'm a body puncher. He probably thought I was easy to hit."

In the third and final round, Halpern pinned Rocky against the ropes, looking for the kill. He got a taste of his own medicine. Halpern led with his head, and the Rock landed a short right, traveling less than six inches, which put Halpern down for the count and then some.

"He came in and I let my own go," said Casale, describing the knockout punch. "At first, when I hit him he fell on me. When I saw him fall down I said, 'Wow, I must have done more damage than I thought I did.' "

The nickname Rocky is not one he gave himself.

"I was at a fight and an old guy said, 'You look so much like Rocky Marciano.' "

Nick Baffi likes the comparison. He considers Casale similar in style to the great champion. Baffi has put together photographs and statistics, dealing with the two fighters.

Both were born in September. Marciano fought his last fight in the month Casale was born. And both had a first love in football before turning to boxing.

Casale wears his curly black hair short, and is built more like a weightlifter than a boxer. His face is virtually unmarked, aside from an s-shaped scar on his left eyelid, a souvenir he received while blinking and making the mistake of being hit at the same time.

For Rocky, boxing is now a full-time job. He left Kean College in New Jersey, where he was majoring in criminology, to pursue the heavyweight championship.

"I wanted to go into investigative work, to see if I could get into the FBI," said Rocky. "I can't go back to school full-time because boxing takes up too much of my time."

In his spare time, the Rock likes to watch television and fix up old cars. He recently purchased a 1957 Chevy and plans to renovate and customize the car on his own.

"All I'm worried about is advancing myself in the rankings," said Rocky. "When I get that high I'll demand what I want. I have a specific goal. I'm looking to get up there, to be a champion or a top contender."

And his manager, Nick Baffi, agrees.

"I think a little more seasoning and he'll be ready," he said, knowing that the Rock has come a long way but still has a long way to go in order to reach his goal. "Some fellas advance a little more rapidly than others. The Rock has to do it the hard way. He's a hard fighter."

Boxing has become a way of life for the 5'10½" 202-pound Casale. In the ring he plays the role of the bull, forever pursuing the matador.

"People don't ask me, 'How's everything?' they say, 'How's boxing?' " said Rocky. "I eat and sleep boxing. I don't think anybody knows my first name."

His father is a machinist, his mother a housewife. He is the oldest of four children, all of whom attend his bouts.

"We're very close," said Rocky. "But my mother doesn't come to my fights. She stays home and prays for me. I think she's starting to accept it now."

He has many things going for him. He is strong, young, and intelligent. And he has a mother whose prayers seem to be answered.

FRANKIE BALTAZAR

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ditorium, where he packs the house. On July 7, 1977, he knocked out Miguel Ruiz in one round. In his next outing, on July 21, at the Olympic, hard socking Frank won a ten-round decision over Delfino Rodriguez. In his next two bouts in Los Angeles, Baltazar was impressive, beating Memo Vega and Francisco Villegas. "I think that my most satisfying win came when I knocked out Leoncio Mesa of Mexico. Mesa had more experience than me with a record of 28-7-1. He went ten rounds with Herman (Kid) Montes. I'd like to fight Montes again," replied Frankie.

"I guess the time has come to match Baltazar with a real class fighter. Maybe we'll take the winner of the upcoming Bobby Chacon-Bazooka Limon fight," said Jackie McCoy. Inside the ring, Baltazar is one of today's most exciting ringmen with his classic southpaw style. A murderous puncher, he appears more dangerous and deadly in the early rounds. When not putting his opponents to sleep, Frankie works at the Leo Huffman Company in La Puente.

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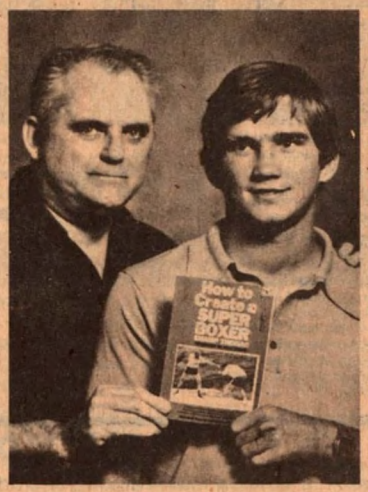

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(U.S. Heavyweight Title)
Alfredo Evangelista stopped Dante Cane, 4
(European Heavyweight Title)
Charlie Polite beat Eddie Owens, 8
Earl Tripp beat King David Smith, 10
Mike Weaver halted Abdul Khan, 2
Jose Luis Gonzalez lost to Clyde Mudgett, 6
Bashiru Alli beat Tony Stone, 6
Robbie Bryant beat Rahim Muhammad, 6
David Gamble stopped Ed Grady, 2
Pete Knight beat Roy Taylor, 4
James Tillis stopped Al Bell, 1
Luke Capuano beat Boom Boom Moorer, 6
George Mostardini halted Sylvester Wielder, 1
Bob Stallings won over Don Spellman, 6
Al Brooks beat Joe Maye, 4
Len Lawson stopped Leni Vanisi, 7
Georg Butzbach stopped Brian Huckfield, 1
Daniele Laghi stopped Bruno Polloni, 1
Gerrie Coetzee whipped Ibar Arrington, 10
Domenico Adinolfi lost to Lucien Rodriguez, 10
Lorenzo Zanon halted Sugar Silex, 2
Giovanni De Luca whipped Mohamed Galloul, 8
Rinaldo Pelizzari won over Leopoldo Centorrino, 8

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Otis Gordon stopped Jesse Joyner, 1
Henry Sims halted Obie Garnett, 1
Fred Brown beat Don Wilson, 6
Gene Miera was stopped by Len Provo, 1
Lino Lemma and Gianni Filippetto drew, 8
Rocky St. Clair halted Amos Moses, 5
Enio Cometti stopped Gino Freo, 10
(Italian Cirelli halted Ray Opoku, 3
Harold Skog beat Francisco Fiol, 10

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Rudy Robles halted Dave Adkins, 4
Gus Oropeza halted Adolfo Rivas, 2
Pascual Ramirez halted Azell James, 3
Zeferino Gonzalez beat Antonio Adame, 10
Johnny Morgan beat Steve Bentley, 6
Ray Kates halted Bill Day, 1
Ted Mann beat Tyrone Phelps, 6
Marvin Lee lost to Ray Bryant, 4
Mickey Banks stopped Robert Peterson, 2
Roosevelt Green stopped Chief Ketchenakow, 1
Odell Leonard and Johnny Harris drew, 6
Gary Guiden stopped Erwin Williams, 8
Boogaloo Watts beat Norberto Cabrera, 8
Willie Classen stopped Jose Luis Duran, 3
Frank Wissenbach beat Tiger Quaye, 8
Alvaro Scarpelli whipped Luigi Marini, 8
Ayub Kalule beat Kevin Finnegan, 10
Jose Lozano beat Mario Romersi, 8
Roberto Felicioni beat Walter Guernieri, 8
Nicola Cirelli halted Andre Genasi, 3
Wally Carr halted Torkano Marcos, 11
(Australian Middleweight Title)
Fred Brown whipped Slim Ali, 6

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Rocky Mosely defeated Wilson Bell, 12
(U.S. Jr. Middleweight Title)
Buster Drayton beat Jessie Carter, 6
Roger Leonard beat Sean Mannion, 6
Enrique Silva halted Sultan Saladin, 3
Steve Delgado beat Ted Sanders, 10
Jorgen Hansen stopped Vittorio Conte, 4
Salvatore Cascio beat Spartaco Verna, 6
Damiano Lassandro beat Georges Warusfel, 10
Luigi Minchillo stopped Roy Kaba, 6
Vincenzo Ungaro beat Jacques Chinon, 8
Libero Moi beat Walter Guernieri, 8
Jesus Castro stopped Sergio Lozano, 4

WELTERWEIGHTS

Alfonso Hayman whipped Ron Pettigrew, 8
Ray Leonard halted Armando Muniz, 6, Johnny Gant, 8
Bert Lee whipped Isaac Marin, 10
Juan Garcia Suarez beat Raymond Serrano, 4
Joe Maldonado beat Leonard Thomas, 6
Joe Tiberi halted Mirris Grant, 1
John Cooper stopped Will Rankin, 2
Steve Snow beat Jose Ortiz, 4
Irleis Perez halted Genaro Gloria, 1
Pete Ranzany beat Jimmy Heair, 12
Ron Cummings beat Mauricio Aldana, 8
Mike Rundell beat Lalo Hernandez, 6
Perico Fernandez halted Mario Molina, 4
Henry Rhiney stopped Josef Pachler, 10
(European Welterweight Title)
Jurgen Voss beat Alfred Fries, 10
(German Welterweight Title)
Louis Acaries beat Alain Ruocco, 12
(French Welterweight Title)
Luigi Dal Santo halted Serge Sinelnikow, 5
Donato Romano beat Vincenzo Bottigliero, 6
Luiz Ribeiro beat Francesco Morrone, 6
Buster Drayton whipped Jessie Carter, 6
Alain Marion beat Mario Saurennan, 10

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Sang-Hyun Kim stopped Saensak Muangsurin, 13
(WBC Jr. Welterweight Title)
Jimmy Corkum beat Al Hughes, 10
Randy Shields stopped David Madrid, 4
Robert Madrid beat Frank Lawson, W6
Eric Bonilla beat Sergio Nualarte, 4
Sean O'Grady halted Beau Jaynes, 2
Carl Crowley beat Billy Moreno, 4
Petronillo Velasquez beat Elpidio Valdez, 8
Eupremio Epifani beat Giuseppe Cola, 6 (disq)
Jeff Malcolm whipped Baby Cassius Austin, 15
(British Commonwealth Jr. Welterweight Title)
Antonio Cervantes defeated Miguel Montilla, 15
(World Jr. Welterweight Title)

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Jorge Morales stopped Joey Talamantez, 5
Juan Venegas whipped Christopher Green, 4
Termite Watkins halted Arthur Clarke, 7
Robert Elizondo kayoed Robert Perez, 1
Wilburn Lawson beat James Cleveland, 4
Rafael Limon stopped Robert Vasquez, 5
Albert Guevara halted Noe Rivera, 2
Aristide Pizzo beat Giuseppe Agate, 8
Hugo Rengifo stopped Roy Taylor, 1
Manny Ysrael beat Changon Singtanonsakdi, 10
Mario Tiano halted Gerardo Scognamiligio, 4
Alfonso Carrillo halted Eloy De Souza, 4
Bruno Demontis stopped Gregorio Ciancaglione, 5
Abass Macauley beat Andrea Ricci, 6
Marino Angeli whipped Mario Ficano, 6
Lucio Cusma defeated Domenico Traini, 8

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS

Bobby Chacon beat Gerald Hayes, 10
Juan Sanchez stopped Jose Posos, 4
Francisco Picos beat Manuel Marquez, 4
Natale Vezzoli and Charles Jurietti drew, 12
(European Jr. Lightweight Title)
Lito Pena and Oscar Barola drew, 7 (tech)

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Eusebio Pedroza halted Royal Kobayashi, 14
(WBA Featherweight Title)
Ruben Castillo halted Alex Orecel, 2
Herman Montes stopped Jose Osuna, 2
Roberto Rubaldino kayoed Enrique Muniz, 8
Jesus Rocha lost to James Martinez, 10
Al Dominguez was halted by Enrique Guerra, 1
Alfredo Rocho stopped Ramon Campos, 1
Hector Cortez beat Roberto Quintanilla, 10
Tony Hernandez stopped Ron Newby, 1
Johnny Sanchez lost to Frank Newton, 6
Jorge Garcia and Manuel Ruelas, drew, 6
Kid Meza halted Leonel Valencia, 1
Juan Villa stopped Francisco Ponce, 5
Rocky Garcia beat David Barrera, 6
Roberto Castanon stopped Dave Needham, 5
(European Featherweight Title)
Maurice Fico stopped Alan Marchand, 2
Fran Gillen beat John Barr, 4
Willie Lucas beat Sandy Noora, 10

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Alberto Davila halted Mario Castro, 7
Jose Luis Cruz was halted by Juan Rena Lopez, 3
Richard Rozelle was halted by Jose Bautista, 8
Albert Davila halted Mario Castro, 7
Armando Ugalde beat Delfino Cornejo, 4
Mario Chavez lost to Eddie Logan, 10
Jaime Garza stopped Augustin Sanchez, 2
Alfredo Mulas whipped Franco Buglione, 8
Alfonzo Zamora beat Luis Rosario, 10
Cesar Amazan beat Glen Orleans, 10
Eddie Galler beat Noe Canino, 6
Valerio Nati beat Nessim Zebelini, 8

FLYWEIGHTS

Yoho Gushiken halted Rigoberto Marcano, 13
(WBA Jr. Flyweight Title)
Elias Deleon halted Jose L. Garcia, 2
Junior Thompson whipped Bobby Williams, 10
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Lord Esmero beat Teo Montejo, 10
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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By Harry Warren

A letter arrived recently from the son of the late SAMMY MANDELL, who was the world lightweight champion 1926-30. DICK MANDELL, the son, asked me for help. He is compiling information about his famous dad and would like to receive help from all the fighters, trainers, promoters, *et. al.*, who knew his father and would appreciate old newspaper clippings, photo's *etc*. One question he asked this column was: "Is MUSHY CALLAHAN, the former world jr. welterweight champion, related to SHUFFLE CALLAHAN, who was managed by EDDIE KANE, my father's former manager, for he often spoke about SHUFFLE. 'I believe he was on the same card with him when dad took the title from ROCKY KANSAS in Chicago." Reading on, he writes, "Dad always regarded JIMMY McLARNIN as a great figher, a gentleman, and had the utmost respect for him as he did for another great champion, TONY CANZONERI." DICK MANDELL may be contacted by writing to him at 1525 Culverhouse Drive, Holly Hill, Florida 32017.

This column received an interesting letter from Congressman ED BEARD, democrat of Rhode Island, a former amateur and professional boxer who is now a respected lawman in Washington, D.C. He is formulating a bill to create a National Boxing Commission, with Federal supervision. For myself, as a former boxer for twenty years, it always puzzled me why the rules and regulations were so different in the various states I fought. In some states, I found no Commission or body to supervise boxing. Perhaps this bill might be the start of something bigger and better. Good luck, Congressman. ED BEARD's proposed federal boxing bill will probably have been submitted to Congress by the time your ead this. . . .Big JIM BALUKAVICH is very happy with the Capital Cities interest in the Boxing Hall of Fame, of which he is the founder. Former heavyweight contender MARTY GALLAGHER is doing a fabulous job as the president of this Washington, D.C. veteran boxer's organization. If any boxing buff or former boxer would be in Washington D.C. on the Third Thursday of the month, go to the Touchdown Club at 20th and L Streets at 7:30 p.m. The veteran boxing group would welcome you. The Touch Down Club is the home of the Washington Red Skins football team. The committee is made up as follows: V.P.-A. Charles Reynolds, Secretary-JOSEPH G. GANNON, Treasurer-WILLIAM B. BRESNAHAN, General Councel-BERNARD SHANKMAN. LOUIS GEVINSON and JAMES L. DeCHARD are honorary chairman. The board of Directors are WILLIAM BANKS, NICHOLAS C. LATSIOS, W. R. PARSONS, and WILLIAM R. WASHINGTON. A great group of sportsman. . . .A Washington D.C. businessman and former top-flight boxer is millionaire NAT WILLIAMS, chairman of the board of NAT-WIL Enterprises, Inc. As an amateur, he was a member of the D.C. Golden Gloves team. This leader of Washington D.C. top black business personalities loved boxing so much that he has become established as a boxing promoter in the nation's capital. How WILLIAMS finds time to keep tabs on his boxing promotions, be the chief-executive officer and president of Clean-Rite Maintenance Co., and E-ZEE Chemical and Supply Co., in addition to Nat-Wil Enterprises, beats me. Guess his former boxing prowness stands him in good stead. He sure needs good footwork. In addition to his own business, he is chairman of the board for the Washington Black Economic Development Co., and is on the board of directors for the Greater Washington Business Center and the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity of Washington. . . .Two former boxers who, since their retirement from the sport, have been unstinting in their devotion to helping the less fortunate, are SID STARR and SID WINRABE. Both roughed it as children; both were both successful amateur and professional boxers. In addition to their multi-business interests, they also assist the fund raising drives of the London Ex-Boxer Association and the Sussex Ex-Boxers Association. Both were born and raised in the Ghetto environment of East London, but now they both reside in the very fashionable Royal City of Brighton and Hove, on England's south coast. Both are very active in the Variety Club, which is the greatest children's charity in the world. My old favorite, former Colombia Pictures producer MIKE FRANKOVICH, is the International Charities Committee Chairman. The most generous men in the world are veteran boxers. . . .Veteran boxers are invited to participate in the Senior Sports International boxing competition. Boxers are paired according to age and weight and a strict surveillance is kept by the medical and contest officials. If interested contact former welterweight contender NOBLE "Kid" CHISSELL, Senior Sports International Inc., 5225 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 302, Los Angeles, California 90036. . . .For Reader from Phoenix, Arizona: Contact former British heavyweight contender REG ANDREWS at

26 Langlee Avenue, Galashields, Scotland. This column heard that this former fine boxer is suffering from poor health. . . . Father HILARY is a community leader, a teacher, and a man who teaches religion along with boxing. A former fine boxer, he imparts his knowledge to his students and he informs me that he has some excellent boxers among his students. Another surprise I had was when I found out that, in addition to his priestly calling, he is a popular sportswriter and would be happy to receive mail from readers. He can be contacted at 33 Tarxien, Paola, Malta. Telephone: (302)052-3436. The Cauliflower Alley Club, which has headquarters in Burbank, California, are taking off to visit London, England, this year. They are to visit with the London Ex-Boxer Association, which has headquarters at the Michael Sobel Sports Center at Hornsey, and they will surely receive a great welcome from the membership. The occasion is the installation of former world junior welterweight champion JACKIE "KID" BERG as president of the Cauliflower Alley Club, chartered for Great Britain. Former world wrestling greats MIKE "IRONMAN" MIZURKI and BILLY "CONT" VARGA, along with world champions of yearyear, two-time welter champion JIMMY McLARNIN and junior welter champion MUSHY CALAHAN, and former heavyweight contender "Big" GIL STROMQUIST, the seven-feet-300-pound former heavyweight from Austin, Texas (who was featured in the November, 1978 issue of *The Ring*), along with many of the former fistic favorites of the American ring, will make the trip. . . .Interested former boxers may contact the secretary of the London Ex-Boxer Association, JACK POWELL, a former heavyweight contender, by writing to 36 St. Peter's Street, London N.1 8.J.T. England. . . .Former heavyweight champion JERSEY JOE WALCOTT, a durable 65, looks fit and trim. He is New Jersey State Boxing Commissioner, and is also the most popular director of Special Projects for the state community affairs division, working with handicapped and retarded children.

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ACTION IN EUROPE

By JACK A. TREE

BERLIN—The year 1978 closed with four European title fights, bringing the total score to twenty-eight, five fewer than in 1977. Alfredo Evangelista, Spain, heavy, Fernand Sanchez, junior welter, Natale Vezzoli, junior light, and Roberto Castanon, featherweight, all made successful defenses of their crowns. Thirty-year-old Fernandez Sanchez, Spain, making the first defense of the crown he won beating Briton Colin Powers, in September last, retained his title with a decision over Italian Giuseppe Martinese (26). Sanchez saved his crown by being the aggressor in the final rounds. All officials made Sanchez the winner with British referee James Brimmell giving the Spaniard a two point lead, judge Jean Deswert, Belgium, and Henri Baillz, France, both with three points.

Italian Natale Vezzoli was rather fortunate to retain his junior light title, drawing with Frenchman Charles Juriette. Most felt that Juriette came out a good winner. Marly of Switzerland, the referee, was the only official to make the venue, with the others being fog bound, not reaching their place of duty. Marly made it all square, awarding both 117 points. This was the fiftieth draw in the history of the European championship, which dates back to 1906. In round eight, Vezzoli came out of a close quarter exchange with a cut over his left eye and the ringside doctor was called in to inspect the damage. Vezzoli was probably the heavier puncher, for whenever he landed with a good blow, Juriette would back away in retreat. Some ringside viewers saw the Frenchman ahead by as many as four points. When Juriette went to his corner at the close of round twelve he felt sure the title was his.

Spanish European featherweight champion, Roberto Castanon, making his third defense this year, beat southpaw Dave Needham (27) of Great Britain. Dave was retired by his manager, Micky Duff, with eighty seconds gone of round five. Needham's right cheek required seven stitches and his cut left eye, two. Referee Angelo Poletti, Italy, gave the Briton a standing count of eight in round four after he had been hurt by a right hook to the jaw. Castanon, who predicted that Dave would fall in five, remains undefeated in twenty-eight bouts and he will now make his target the world crown.

How right we were in shouting out loud and clear the fight should never be allowed to go on. It ended with Italian Dante Cane being stopped in four rounds by Alfredo Evangelista, Spain, the European heavyweight champion. Cane was caught by a right which dislodged his gum shield and almost choked him. Going down on his

Frenchman Charles Juretti, left, and European junior lightweight champion Natale Vezzoli of Italy during their title bout in Brescia. The decision was a draw.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
Champion: Alfredo Evangelista (S)
1. John L. Gardner (GB)
2. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
3. Alfio Righetti (I)
4. Les Stevens (GB)
5. Tony Moore (GB)
6. Al Syben (B)
7. Paul Sykes (GB)
8. Denton Ruddock (GB)
9. Hennie Thoonan (H)
10. Felipe Rodriguez (S)

Junior Middleweights
Champion: Gilbert Cohen (F)
1. Maurice Hope (GB)
2. Marijan Benes (Y)
3. Andoni Amana (S)
4. Jimmy Batten (GB)
5. Frank Wissenbach (G)
6. Claude Martin (F)
7. Damiano Lassandro (I)
8. Luigi Minchillo (I)
9. Adrie Huusen (H)
10. Dave Proud (GB)

Lightweights
Champion: Jim Watt (GB)
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Charlie Nash (GB)
3. Vincenzo Quero (I)
4. Antonio Puddu (I)
5. Andre Holyk (F)
6. Rosario Sanna (I)
7. Johnny Claydon (GB)
8. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
9. Manuel Valesquez (S)
10. Angelo Provenzano (I)

Light Heavyweights
Champion: Aldo Traversaro (I)
1. Mate Parlov (Y)
2. John Conteh (GB)
3. Rudi Koopmans (H)
4. Avenamar Peralta (S)
5. David Conteh (GB)
6. Bunny Johnson (GB)
7. Hocine Tafer (F)
8. Emilio Cometti (I)
9. Sylvain Watbled (F)
10. Robert Amory (F)

Welterweights
Champion: Henry Rhiney (GB)
1. Dave Green (GB)
2. John H. Stracey (GB)
3. Bruno Arcari (I)
4. Jorgen Hansen (D)
5. Alain Marion (F)
6. Josef Pachler (A)
7. Hans Henrick Palm (D)
8. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)
9. Alois Carmeliet (B)
10. Alain Ruocco (F)

Junior Lightweights
Champion: Natale Vezzoli (I)
1. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
2. Ramon Marichal (S)
3. Elio Cotena (I)
4. Carlos Hermandez (S)
5. Aristide Pizzo (I)
6. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
7. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
8. Maurice Apeang (F)
9. Nino Jimenez (S)
10. Georges Cotin (F)

Middleweights
Champion: Alan Minter (GB)
1. Vito Antuofermo (I)
2. Gratien Tonna (F)
3. Kevin Finnegan (GB)
4. Frank Lucas (GB)
5. Bunny Sterling (GB)
6. Matteo Salvemini (I)
7. Alfredo Natieras (B)
8. Tony Sibson (GB)
9. George Steinherr (G)
10. Michel Stini (B)

Junior Welterweights
Champion: Fernand Sanchez (S)
1. Colin Powers (GB)
2. Guiseppe Martinese (I)
3. Clinto McKenzie (GB)
4. Cemal Kamaci (T)
5. Claude Lormeau (F)
6. Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
7. Des Morrison (GB)
8. Giovanni Carrino (I)
9. Tommy Davitt (GB)
10. Francesco Galja (I)

Featherweights
Champion: Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Dave Needham (GB)
3. Manuel Masso (S)
4. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
5. Les Pickett (GB)
6. Nani Rodriguez (S)
7. Gerard Jacob (F)
8. Jimmy Flint (GB)
9. Michel Lefebvre (F)
10. Albert Amatler (F)

Bantamweights
Champion: Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
1. Franco Zurlo (I)
2. Esteban Eguia (S)
3. Johnny Owen (GB)
4. Alfredo Mulas (I)
5. Laurent Grimbert (F)
6. Guy Caudron (F)
7. Vicente Rodriguez (S)
8. Luigi Tessarin (F)
9. Guiseppe Fossati (I)
10. Dave Smith (GB)

Flyweights
Champion: Franco Udella (I)
1. Charlie Magri (GB)
2. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
3. Emilio Pireddu (I)
4. Mariano Garcia (S)
5. Manuel Carrasco (S)
6. Franco Buglione (I)
7. Claude Tanda (I)
8. Sabatino De Filippo (I)
9. Filipo Belvedere (I)
10. Christian Martin (F)

knees the third man, Rudolf Durst, Germany, counted him out.

At Liege, French heavyweight champion Lucien Rodriguez outscored veteran and ex-European light heavyweight champion Domenico Adinolfi, Italy, over ten rounds.

In Copenhagen, Ayub Kalule, Uganda, based in Denmark, is undefeated in twenty-five fights with his latest victim, ex-European champion, Kevin Finnegan, who provided him with a hard and close fight. Two of the officials made Kalule the winner scoring 100-95, and the other seeing the Briton behind on points 100-93. The scoring suggests that Finnegan did not win a round but it was much closer, although the British journalists present were perhaps, a little generous with their stories on Finnegan's great fight. It was a clean bout and the referee had little to do and seldom had to raise his voice or intervene.

The only show in Paris during December saw Louis Arcaries beat Alain Ruocco in a hotly disputed points decision over twelve rounds for the French welterweight title at the Cirque d' Hiver. The better boxer, Ruocco, was adjudged to be the loser. It was a full house with many being turned away and there were many traffic jams in Paris caused by the thousands driving to the venue. In round twelve, there was a great deal of clinching and it turned out to be the worst round of a thoroughly exciting affair. Ruocco thought he had won, and so did most of those in the venue. When the verdict was announced, the crowd expressed their feelings in no uncertain manner while Ruocco stood by shocked and hurt by such an outrageous verdict. "I would rather have been ko'ed than lost this way," said Ruocco, who was absolutely disgusted.

SOUTH AFRICAN RING NEWS

By ED CLARK

▲DURBAN A disappointing crowd of under one thousand saw Rhodesian Langton "Schoolboy," Tinago win every round of a ten-round welterweight bout against Thomas Sithebe at Curries Fountain Stadium. Tinago gave Sithebe a boxing lesson, using a fast left jab and lightning combinations throughout the fight. Tinago's long reach gave Sithebe no chance and Sithebe's best round was the fifth when he attacked Tinago strongly but was driven back with combos.

Jan Kies and Joe Sishi are old veterans and in their six round light heavyweight fight it was Kies who faded badly in the last round, enabling Sishi to take the decision. Peter Mathebula, S.A. flyweight champion, met Johannes Sithebe again and with both boxers going at it hammer and tongs, it was Mathebula who again emerged victorious over six; Mark Melville got back to winning ways when he stopped Pius Dladla in the third round with a hard hook to the ribs in their light-heavy-weight bout; Cameron Adams was impressive in halting Phillip Hlophe in the third as the towel was thrown in to save Hlophe from further punishment, junior middleweights. Johan Weyers decisioned Bernard Zungu, 8, junior lightweights.

▲DURBAN Gerrie Coetzee won a clear ten-round decision over American Dale Ibar Arrington before a crowd of eight thousand at the Kingsmead Stadium. Coetzee won every round, but what is more important is that, after being sidelined for seven months with hand injuries, he emerged from the fight with both hands, especially the right, intact and 1979 could see Coetzee back in serious reckoning for the world title. Arrington showed little in the way of ringcraft but he absorbed every punch that was thrown at him without flinching. Arrington's left eye was cut in the fifth and although the blood flowed freely his corner did an excellent job and Arrington was hardly bothered by it. Coetzee was speedy and used his left jab frequently to score points while Arrington doggedly kept coming forward in a semi-crouch hoping to land a "big one," but failed.

Coetzee won the first with left jabs and a solid right to the head. In the second Coetzee hooked off the jab to take the round easily. Arrington caught Coetzee with a left hook in the third and also scored with uppercuts. Round four Coetzee landed many blows without retaliation and also kept up an incessant chatter during the fight. Arrington's left eye was cut during the fifth.

Coatzee took the sixth by a wide margin. Arrington was just a punch bag in the remaining rounds. No knockdowns in fight. Arrington admitted he was soundly beaten quote "I couldn't even find the guy, he was so fast. It's quite simple, really. I just got my—whipped off tonight"; James Mathatho stopped Gerrie Bodensteinin in the seventh round in a light heavyweight contest. Bodenstein began well with a two fisted attack but then Mathatho took over to win the remaining rounds and the fight was stopped with Bodenstein bleeding and battered and the towel coming in at the same time the referee halted proceedings. Robbie Williams, promising heavyweight, wasted little time in disposing of ringworn Fraser Memela in the first; Theunis Kok KO'd Jackson Hlongwane in two, light heavyweights; Willem van der Merwe TKO'd Aswan Similane, one, light-heavies; Lou Hendricks KO'd Joe Swazi, one, heavyweights.

OHIO JABS

By THOMAS JACOBS

▲CLEVELAND — The last fight card of the season—and possibly the last for sometime—in the city of Cleveland, drew the largest crowd of the season, 1,779. A newspaper report earlier in the week had the Soctron program heading for New Orleans. Amidst these rumors and claims of dissatisfaction with attendance and counter-claims of unhappiness over the quality of the boxers, promoter Ed Sweeney put together a nine-bout card, headlined by a heavyweight contest between unbeaten Terry Mims and Leroy Boone of Norfolk, Virginia

Mims, of East Cleveland, weighed in at 188 lbs., forty pounds lighter than his opponent. The beginning of the scheduled ten-rounder augured the outcome; in the early moments of round one, Boone, upset about something that Mims had said or done, grabbed him by the throat and held him for a few seconds. After that incident, Terry Mims hardly seemed at ease in the ring. At 1:02 of round four, Mims' uneasiness was halted by a rapid combination from the fists of Leroy Boone. The TKO was loudly protested by Mims' fans at ringside, although their favorite was being pummeled at will following a knockdown early in the round.

The semi-final event of the evening matched Pat Cuillo, 174 lbs., of Lockport, New York, against another Norfolk boxer, Fred Brown, 165½ lbs. Cuillo, who may lack style but possesses courage beyond the normal measure, completely dominated the contest. Brown early on tried to match the Lockport fighter punch for punch; it proved his downfall. Cuillo continuously beat his lighter opponent to the punch, and by the fifth round, Brown had worn himself out. A looping right hand sent the Virginian to the canvas, and at 2:52 of the sixth round Pat Cuillo was declared the victor on a technical knockout.

The third ten-rounder was a total mismatch. Gary Guiden, 159¼, Muncie, Indiana, scored a seventh round TKO over Gary Broughton, 165, Brantford, Ontario, Canada. Broughton, a ring-wise veteran, was simply overmatched . . . and knew it. The first two rounds were actionless. Round three signaled the beginning of the end as Guiden began to open up and started to pursue his opponent. Throughout the rest of the contest Guiden was relentless in his pursuit—just as Broughton was relentless in his avoidance of any situation that would force him to exchange with Guiden. Amidst a chorus of boos, Guiden caught the Canadian veteran coming off the ropes toward the end of the seventh round and sent him to the canvas. The referee wisely halted the fight at 2:36 of the seventh round.

Another Canadian, Murrey Sutherland, 174½, Brantford, Ontario, showed a lot of ring savvy for a relative newcomer in defeating Gus Turner, 175, Cleveland. Sutherland is possessed of a potent right cross and is a calm, cool, collected boxer. He dropped his opponent twice in round two and by the end of round three was making mincemeat out of Turner. When the Cleveland fighter failed to answer the bell for round four, Sutherland was awarded the victory on a TKO.

Undefeated Lloyd Allen, 125½, Cleveland, easily bested the man who was supposed to be his toughest foe to date. Ron Furlow, 125½, Chicago, was simply worn down by potent Allen combinations. In the fifth round, Furlow was down for an eight count. At 1:37 of round 6, the referee halted the contest.

The best fight of the night—in fact, the best fight of the year—turned out to be one of the four round preliminaries—Chuck Gregory, 139, Columbus, Ohio, pitted against Larry Morgan, 147, Cleveland, Ohio. Both men come from fighting families (Gregory's older brother is a top junior middleweight, and Morgan's older brother was fighting on the same card.) and know their way around a ring. Gregory came into the fight with an impressive string of victories; for Morgan it was his first professional fight (he did fight and lose to Sugar Ray Leonard as an amateur). Both boxers are quick, hit hard, and can take punishment—and from the first round on that is all they did. As one wizened ringsider quipped, "This ain't a fight; it's a war!" And it was! Round one was the only round in which neither fighter was hurt. Gregory demonstrated great recuperative powers, but Morgan's speed enabled him to generate more offense; it was the offensive spurt that he put on in round four that gave him the decision. Significant to note was the applause that lasted throughout round 4 and the standing ovation of more than two minutes for both boxers at the end of the fight.

In other fights, Jeff Morgan, 162½, Cleveland, Ohio, knocked out "Tiger" Cupe, 166¼, Columbus, Ohio, at 1:39 of round three. Santiago Valdez, 146, a student at the University of Indiana won on a TKO at 2:28 of the first round over Danny Plegge, 145½, Salem, Ohio. Plegge was down three times. Danny Myers, 148¼, Muncie, Indiana, scored a four-round decision over Joey Hrbcha, Cleveland, Ohio, in the opening bout.

▲CANTON — For the first time in years, professional boxing graced the city that is home to the Hall of Fame of professional football. Although there were some at ringside who voiced some criticism over the artistic quality of the evening's performances, most of the 1,010 fight fans who turned out at the Memorial Civic Center went away happy. Their heroes were victorious.

One of those heroes was Art "Tap" Harris. As most of the boxing world knows, Harris, up until a few years ago, was a very promising welterweight fighting out of Akron, Ohio. Then, in a nightmare of events, Harris killed a man who had beaten his mother. The result was a prison sentence and, apparently, the end of a career. Through the efforts of many concerned people, the kid they called "Tap City" was paroled (the complete Harris' story appeared in an issue of *The Ring* in 1977), and he began to put his ring talents back to use. The opponent selected for Harris' return was the wily ring veteran, Gary Broughton. Broughton, 164, Brantford, Ontario, Canada, was no match for Harris who entered the fight at an even 160 lbs.

Round one saw Harris feeling out his opponent (and certainly re-accustoming himself to the ring after such a long absence). He unlimbered his left jab, and in rounds two and three beat a tattoo on the face of the Canadian. In round four Harris really went to work. In that round, almost as if he were following a carefully orchestrated design, Harris began to work combinations; and with a rapid melding of left-right-left-right, Gary Broughton's punishment began. For the next two rounds Harris battered Broughton at will. At the close of the fifth round, Broughton hoarsely confided to his handlers that he could not win, and the cornermen wisely threw in the towel.

Rick Noggle, 161, Canton, Ohio, was the other local favorite on the card. Noggle, a superb amateur boxer, may have waited just a bit too long to turn professional. He was hardly impressive against an opponent whose major qualification for being in the ring was that he was breathing. Frankie Mills, 155½, Muncie, Indiana, spent five rounds running away from Noggle. Mills probably didn't throw—much less land—a dozen punches during that time while Noggle flailed away to the cheers of the hometown crowd. The Canton boxer certainly deserved the six round decision—each round was his—but the question was would any quality fighter really want those rounds?

By far the best contest of the evening pitted Gary Alexander, 171½, Alliance, Ohio, against Murrey Sutherland, 174, Brantford, Ontario. Both boxers came to fight; and Sutherland, in particular, is a real crowd-pleaser. A typical roughhouse Canadian, Sutherland is also a wonderfully efficient workman who uses his hands, his body, and h is head with total effectiveness. Although Alexander did make a fight out of the contest, Sutherland was in command throughout. During the sixth round, the Canadian's roughhouse tactics caused him to be penalized, and that proved to be the necessary spur. Sutherland came out in round seven and threw combination after combination. Toward the end of the round a succession of rights nearly put Alexander to the canvas, but he held on to the bell. The punishment he absorbed in that round was simply too much for him, and at 0:24 of round eight, the referee stopped the fight.

In other bouts, Mike McIntire, 203, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, outpointed George Hatch, 207¼, Akron, Ohio, in four rounds. McIntire, looking like a throwback to Gentleman Jim Corbett, used superior speed to stymie his heavier opponent. The fight was well in hand by the end of the second round and, if McIntire possessed a more potent punch, would have ended there.

Stanley Scott, 172½, Cleveland, Ohio, TKOed Wes Rowe, 180, Brantford, Ontario, in five. Danny Myers, 147¼, Muncie, Indiana, kayoed Joey Hrbcha, 145, Cleveland, Ohio, at 2:25 of the first round. The knockout punch, a right cross, was, at best, a glancing blow. Hrbcha would be wise to hang up his gloves. . .now.

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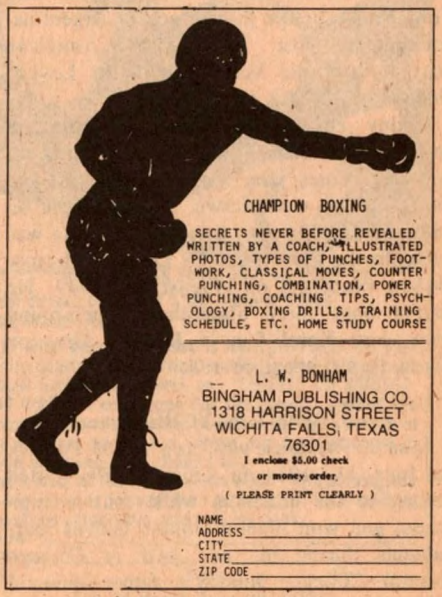

CONTENDERS: HEAVYWEIGHTS

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ARTURO GODOY

Godoy was born in Iquique, Chile, on October 10, 1912. When he was fourteen, he joined his three brothers in the fishing business. He gave that up to enlist in the Chilean Army, where his captain ordered him to take part in a boxing tournament. Arturo won the tourney and started boxing professionally as soon as he got out of the army.

That was in 1931. By 1934, Godoy had enough of a reputation to challenge men like Victorio Campolo and Tommy Loughran. In 1936, he caused a minor uproar, stopping former heavyweight contender Luis Firpo in three rounds when the former Wild Bull of the Pampus attempted a comeback.

That led Godoy to the U.S., where he drew with Leroy Haynes, Al Ettore, Maurice Strickland, and Roscoe Toles, lost to Toles and Nathan Mann, and beat Jack Roper, Otis Thomas, Art Sykes, Tony Galento (twice), and Eddie Mader. Arturo then returned to South American and won the S.A. title by defeating Alberto Lovell in a twelve-rounder in Buenos Aires on April 9, 1939.

Al Weill, who was already managing Lou Ambers and Joey Archibald, knew that Mike Jacobs was looking for another opponent for Joe Louis. He also knew that Godoy was no longer managed by Lou Brix. When Al heard that Arturo was in training for another American excursion, he signed him to a contract and then signed him, via Jacobs, to meet Louis in the Garden.

In this fight, Godoy abandoned his usual rough tactics and fought the battle of a "spoiler," using every trick Al Weill knew to make the Brown Bomber look bad. The scoring of the bout was nothing short of ludicrous. Referee Arthur Donovan, 10-4-1, Louis; judge George LeCron, 10-4-1, Louis; judge Tommy Shortell, 10-2-3, Godoy!

A rematch, held in Yankee Stadium, saw Louis halt Godoy at 1:24 of the eighth round. Arturo then beat Gus Dorazio and Tony Musto before going back to Argentina, where he lost his South American heavyweight title back to Alberto Lovell. Godoy won it back again in 1943.

Godoy engaged in seven twelve-round bouts with Roscos Toles, all held in South America. Toles won four, Godoy one, and the other two were drawn. Arturo fought on with varying degrees of success until he was halted in the tenth round by Leonard Morrow in San Francisco on August 16, 1949. He fought once more after that, a ten-round draw with Karel Sys in Buenos Aires on March 6, 1950, and retired.

JOHNNY PAYCHECK

John J. Paycheck was born Anton Pasholk on June 11, 1914 in Chicago. He started boxing in the amateurs while still in high school and won several Golden Gloves tournaments during his one year at Chicago Normal College. Johnny's father died in 1934 and Paycheck quit school to box as a professional.

On June 30, 1936, Paycheck met Art Lasky in his ninth professional engagement and was stopped in the sixth round. Johnny then retired, having compiled a 14-2-1 record, and became a bellhop in the Hotel Chamberlain in Des Moines.

Paycheck returned to the ring in 1938 and ran off twenty-five straight victories before dropping a tenner to Australian Maurice Strickland on June 26, 1939. Included in this streak were kayoes over King Levinsky (2), Red Bruce (4), Al Ettore (6), Art Oliver (4), and Willie Davis (3). Paycheck went undefeated in nine more bouts after meeting Strickland, leading him to fight Joe Louis for the title in the Garden. Louis, 201½, knocked Paycheck, 187½, out in forty-four seconds of the second round.

That fight "ruined" Paycheck. Altus Allen, just a year out of the Golden Gloves, stopped him in ten rounds in his next fight. Johnny announced his retirement, returned to fight ten rounds with Selman Martin in Hammond, Indiana on January 20, 1941, lost the decision, and quit for good.

AL McCOY

Like his boxing namesake, the former middleweight champion, Al wasn't a real McCoy at all. He was born in Winslow, Maine and his real name was Florian LaBrosseur.

Al started boxing in local "smokers" at the age of twelve, when he weighed eighty-seven pounds. He was a football and baseball star at Winslow High School in Waterville, Maine. After high school, he played semi-professional football for three years, captaining the Fighting Eleven, a team composed of fighters from the State of Maine.

It wasn't long before Al was a full-time boxer, growing from one weight class to another. He settled as a middleweight for a few years and won the Maine State title at that poundage.

Having reached light heavyweight status shortly after he reached his majority, Al, who had been doing a lot of fighting in eastern Canada, was matched with Joe Knight in a fifteen-round bout for the Canadian title. McCoy won on points.

In December, 1935, he met British Empire light heavyweight champion Jock McAvoy in Madison Square Garden in an elimination fight to decide a challenger for world champ John Henry Lewis. McAvoy won and subsequently lost to Lewis, also in the Garden, on March 13, 1936.

McCoy was still not much more than a light heavyweight (180¾) when he fought Joe Louis for the heavyweight title, December 16, 1940. Al managed to get in some good shots, but Joe opened up a bad cut near his eye and went to work on it until McCoy was unable to answer the bell for round six.

Among the men McCoy defeated were Al Gainer, Eddie Carney, Billy Lozier, Mickey Bishop, Norman Conrad, Buck Tracey, Tait Littman, and Lou Brouillard.

CLARENCE (RED) BURMAN

Frank Graham said it all about Red Burman. ". . . he is a pretty good fighter and the crowd likes him because he goes to work when the bell rings and doesn't knock off until it rings again. He moves in constantly and keeps punching and, when he is hit hard enough to go down, he gets right up and goes on fighting."

Red was born in Baltimore on March 18, 1915 and started fighting as a featherweight in his mid-teens. His ring name at the time was K.O. Burns. By eighteen, he was a welterweight and boxed around Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Washington. One of these early fights was an eight-rounder with future middleweight champion Ken Overlin in Washington, January 2, 1934. Red hit Ken in the stomach, Overlin danced away. He kept dancing for the rest of the fight and got the decision.

Like Al McCoy, Red Burman was a light heavyweight who found there was more money battling among the big boys. John Henry Lewis knocked him out in two rounds on October 2, 1936, but Red came back to kayo Stanley Ketchell and Joe Sekyra and win decisions over Gus Dorazio and Eddie Blunt the following year. Burman hit the peak of his career on January 13, 1939, when he beat Tommy Farr in ten rounds at the Garden.

Burman was up to 188 pounds the night he fought Joe Louis in MSG, January 31, 1941. Red was battling with everything the fans had payed to see when Louis caught him with a terrific smash under the heart. Time of K.O.: 2:49 of round five.

Burman, who was managed by Max Waxman, faded after that. Big Boy Brown beat him into helplessness in Baltimore, October 26, 1942. Red could not answer the bell for round six, his career was over.

GUS DORAZIO

Justine Vincolota, later known as Gus Dorazio was born in South Philadelphia's Little Italy, July 4, 1916. Joe Martino, a manager and trainer, persuaded him to try boxing and Gus soon won the New Jersey State amateur heavyweight title. He had forty-three amateur bouts and won thirty-six by knockouts.

Encouraged by Martino, Gus adopted his mother's maiden name (D'Orazio) and joined the punch-for-pay ranks in 1936, winning his first twenty bouts with seventeen kayoes. His first loss came against Red Burman in Philadelphia on April 23, 1937, when Gus had Red on the deck twice but lost on points.

Gus scored his biggest win on December 12, 1937, when he dropped Bob Pastor twice, staggered him on several occasions, and beat him in ten rounds in Philadelphia. Then Martino made the mistake of throwing Gus against Roscoe Toles (now alive and well in Detroit), who took him apart in

seven rounds. The beating ruined Gus for 1939, as he was kayoed by Willie Reddish and Billy Conn, outpointed by Patsy Perroni and Dan Hossett, and held to a draw by Tommy Tucker.

Gus then went undefeated in nine fights before losing a ten-rounder to Arturo Godoy in Philadelphia. Four months later, Dorazio fought Louis for the title and was knocked out in the second round.

ABE SIMON

6'4" 250-pound Abe Simon was a graduate of John Adams High School in New York City. He played football there until Tommy Shortell tipped millionaire Jock Whitney off about him in 1936. Whitney and Tom Hitchcock signed Abe to a contract, put him on a regular salary of thirty-five dollars a week, and made Jimmy Bronson his manager. In 1940, Abe fought the then unknown Jersey Joe Walcott in Newark and knocked him out in the sixth round.

Abe fought Joe Louis for the title twice, a scheduled twenty-rounder in Detroit in 1941 and a fifteen-round bout in New York in 1942, losing on kayoes both times. The first fight went into the thirteenth round, the second bout into the sixth. Nor many fighters lasted that long against Louis.

Abe had been complaining of pains in his back and head. Dr. S. Philip Goodhart, professor of clinical neurology, determined that some of Simon's head glands were on the fragile side and advised him to quit boxing. Simon's bride, Rita, was even more insistent, and Abe hung up his gloves. He died in Meadowbrook Hospital, New York, October 24, 1969, having been with the public relations department of Roosevelt Raceway for the past three years.

TONY MUSTO

"The Blue Island Tank" was born on December 3, 1915. A full-fledged heavyweight (200 pounds), Musto acquired his nickname from his fire hydrant physical dimensions (He stood only 5'8") and Blue Island, Illinois, the city of his birth.

One of eleven children, Tony began boxing as an amateur in 1931 and won eighty-five out of 106 fights before turning pro against Jack Fargo on July 20, 1937. The four-round contest ended in a draw.

Musto won his next three fights, but then had trouble getting matches. His manager, Bob Capocy, took him to Texas, where Tony advanced to main event status by the end of the year. Musto then went back to Chi and beat Max Marek, Louis' conqueror in the amateurs, on November 2, 1938. Tony continued to make progress until he lost four decisions ina row in the latter half of 1939.

Tony's ring credentials were not overly impressive when he fought Joe Louis for the title in St. Louis, April 8, 1941. Eddie Blunt had knocked him out in seven rounds the year before and Tony had lost decisions to Buddy Walker, Red Burman, and Arturo Godoy within the last eight months. Louis knocked out Musto in the ninth.

Tony Musto fought for five years after that, losing the majority of his fights. He retired at the end of 1946, having been knocked out three times in a row.

LEO RANDOLPH

(Continued from page 23)

the Year, who has guided Randolph throughout his eleven-year boxing career, said in July. "His Olympic teammates have been quite successful as pros, and I'm sure Leo will be up there with them in no time."

Clough is quick to point out that Randolph, who compiled a 167-7 record enroute to his Olympic win, defeated three of the top ten current bantamweight contenders in the world when he was an amateur—Alberto Sandoval, Oscar Muniz and Richard Rozelle.

Leo "The Lion" is currently making a tour of the East Coast, during which he will be working with trainer George Benton of Philadelphia.

The man who masterminded Leon Spinks' upset victory over world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali in their first encounter, Benton has been called in as a special tutor to help Leo adjust to the pro style of boxing more quickly. The young bantamweight will also continue to work with Clough throughout the tour, and when he returns to Washington.

According to Leo, the accomplishments of his Olympic teammates as professionals has little to do with his decision to make a name for himself in the pro ranks. "But their success makes me train harder," he explained. "I was surprised to see Leon Spinks get up so quick, but I'm not jealous of their achievements."

The early success of the 1976 Olympians is proof that the members of the greatest Olympic boxing team in history will be remembered in the record books as among the greatest pros in the history of the ring.

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FELT FORUM

By SAM TAUB

▲NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.—Professional boxing, 1978, came to a close in New York with the Felt Forum show, which saw a surprise when the winner of the "talent show" was neither Guy Casale nor Gerry Cooney, albiet they won their respective tussles. The man of the hour was Mike Tarasewich, East Rockaway, L.I., who scored a fourth round knockout over Richard Roy, Sparta, N.J., in a great bout.

The fight was sensational from the start, as Tarasewich, "The Mad Russian," outmauled the Muhammad Ali protege. The winner, who scaled 180 pounds against Roy's 200, was the better puncher against a foe who helped by trying to slug it out with him. A right decked Roy in the third, but the bell came to his rescue. Another right, traveling about four inches, knocked Roy cold in the next round. Referee Charley Norkus counted him out at 1:24 of the session.

Guy "The Rock" Casale, 203½, had his hands full against Conrad Tooker, 182, Kearny, N.J., who took everything that Rocky threw at him. Casale the winner by unanimous decision after eight rounds. Billy Graham was the referee.

In another scheduled eight-rounder, "Gentleman" Gerry Cooney, 222, outboxed Grady Daniels, 205, Sterling, Illinois. Daniels was much worse the wear after five rounds and did not answer the bell for the sixth. It goes as a six-round TKO.

Juan LaPorte, 127½, New York, won a majority decision over David Capo, 124, the Bronx, who was making his pro debut. The loser took most of the later rounds after losing all the early sessions.

The first of the five eight spots saw Sugar Ray Hammond, another Bronxite, 152, with a majority decision over Fred Boynton, 155½, Red Bank, N.J. It was very close.

Two sixes opened the show. Rusty Rosenberger, 163½, Paterson, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Angel Perales, 161, Brooklyn. In the opener, Don Addison, 170, Hartford, Conn., won a majority duke over William "Caveman" Lee, 164½, Philadelphia.

Billy Graham and Charley Norkus shared the refereeing chores. Ray Kozak and Harold Lederman were the judges. The timekeeper was Fred Abbatiello.

The paid attendance was 1,564 and the gross receipts $16,864.10.

WESTCHESTER

By ARNOLD "OSSIE" FELDMAN

▲WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.—Westchester County Center—Michael Spinks, 170¾, former Olympic Gold Medal winner and brother of former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, stopped Eddie Phillips, 170, Stamford, Conn., at 1:33 of the fourth round. Phillips offered very little competition for three rounds as he hung in close with a lot of holding. Mike finally got the range in the fourth when several combinations and a hard right put Phillips down. Eddie got up at the count of nine, but was in no condition to continue and referee Georgie Coyle called a halt to the proceedings.

Danny McAloon, 148½, won a unanimous decision over Mike Michaud, 147¼, in a very active eight-round semi-final.

In sixes: Former Olympic Gold Medal winner Leo Randolph, 121½, stopped Tony Hernandez, 121, at the end of four. Al Fletcher, 145½, outpointed Roger Stafford.

In fours: Tony Still, 127, outscored Gino Perez. Renold Snipes, 203, decisioned Hal Emerson, 211. Sal Drabone, 141, outpointed Pete O'Keefe, 142. Ken Fuscu, 142¾, kayoed Derrik Wheeler, 138, in forty-nine seconds of the third.

There were many boxing celebrities at ringside and also many *firsts*. Announcer Frank Shain introduced light heavyweight challengers Eddie Gregory and Matthew Franklin to the fans, along with two heavies that bear watching, Marvin Stinson and, getting ready for his *first* pro fight, Greg Page. Former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, who came to root for his brother, Mike, was introduced and got into the ring wearing his large black fedora hat. But the former champ that got into the ring and tore the house down was "Smokin'" Joe Frazier, who came to root for Butch Lewis, who was promoting his *first* show under the name Momentum Enterprises. The show was a success, as 3,211 fans attended. The judges were Nick Ganiboli, the oldest active boxing judge, and Carol Castellano. The referees were Georgie Coyle and Vincent Rainone. I was here at the Westchester County Center for the *first* boxing show held there in 1937. That was forty-one years ago, when Andre Jessurun and Pete DeRusso battled eight rounds to a draw. And this is my *first* report for a boxing show for Nat Loubet of *The Ring* Magazine.

Eddie Phillips ducks as Michael Spinks swings a right hand during their scheduled ten-round bout at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, New York. Spinks won on a fourth round TKO.

FISTICUFFS IN PHILLY

By NIGEL COLLINS

▲ PHILADELPHIA—A seven bout card at the Blue Horizon opened the New Year in the Quaker City. In the main event, local junior welter Wade Hinnant scored a unanimous ten-round decision over Teodoro Ossuna of New York City.

Hinnant, 143½, was making his first start since dropping a decision to world-ranked Bruce Curry at the Spectrum and showed a marked improvement against the crafty, counter-punching Ossuna.

The nineteen-year-old Philadelphian forced the fight from the opening bell and crashed hard hooks into his opponent's side every time he trapped him on the ropes. Ossuna, 142, punched gamely back but could nto keep pace with the aggressive local.

Ossuna had a real big round in the eighth when he caught Hinnant with a long right to the jaw. Toedoro followed up with a series of crisp combos to the head to have Wade in trouble for the first time in the fight.

Hinnant rode out the storm and finished the final two rounds with a two-fisted rally to cement the victory. He is now 15-2 with six kayoes.

Terrific looking prospect Bruce Williams remained unbeaten with a third-round TKO over fellow Philadelphian Marvin "The Shark" Edwards. Williams, 131½, dropped Edwards, 130, in both the first and second rounds with searing rights to the face and forced referee George Hill to call a halt when he ripped open a gash over Edwards' left eye in the third.

New Yorker Eric Winbush, 174, scored a fifth-round TKO over reluctant local Benny Ferguson, 175, in a sloppy, free-swinging bout scheduled for six.

Steve Arvin, 162, of Trooper, Pa., was declared a TKO winner when Ray Crump, 168, of New York, decided that he had hurt his back at 2:00 of the second. A very poor showing from Crump.

Johnny "Two Gun" Barr, 143, scored a dubious first round TKO over Ronald Johnson, 144, when the loser went down twice from glancing blows.

In other matches, Danny Pate, 156, stopped Fred Savage, 155, in two and New York puncher Carmello Negron, 130, blasted out hopeless Guy Glen, 130, in one.

The show was promoted by Nancy Sciacca, Billy DeMarco matchmaker.

LAS VEGAS AREA

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

▲LAS VEGAS — Victor "Kid Zorrita" Martinez, the flashy welterweight from Los Angeles, brought his record to 16-2 with an impressive second round victory over Mando Cordova, also of Los Angeles.

Zoritta set his opponent up in the opening round with intense pressure from left-right combinations.

He opened the second round with three straight lefts that snapped Cordova's head back. Following this, he employed his left-right combinations that sent the hapless Cordova to the canvas three times in a row.

Under the Nevada three-knockdown rule, the fight was stopped by referee Harry Krause at 2:41 of the second round.

In the semi-main, lightweights Tony Martinez of Tucson, Arizona and Leoncio Mesa of Las Vegas tangled in a scheduled ten-rounder.

Mesa withstood a barrage of punches for five rounds and then rallied in the sixth to win a TKO. Martinez was out of gas after his impressive performance in the first five rounds and Mesa took advantage of his weakened condition. The fight was stopped at fifty seconds of the sixth round.

In a six-round battle of lightweights, Danny Patino, 130, Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over Alfredo Sosa, 133, Las Vegas. All three judges scored the fight 29-25.

Another six-rounder resulted in a draw between Lino Casillas, 120, of Pomona, Calif. and Juan Banuelos, 118, of San Pedro, Calif. Casillas was down briefly in the sixth round, but had piled up enough points to come out with a draw decision.

The card opener saw a heavyweight mis-match between William Banks, 183, of Las Vegas and Eddie Wilson, 198, of Los Angeles. Wilson sent Banks through the ropes in the early seconds of the first round, then dealt him a fierce right cross for a knockout at 2:50 of the first.

▲LAS VEGAS — Joey Olivo, the Los Angeles flyweight, proved that he deserves his No. 8 ranking by the WBC as he disposed of Gustavo Torres, of Tijuana, Mexico with a TKO at 1:39 of the second round.

Olivo's skills provided one of the more exciting bouts of the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week. The feisty flyweight dealt his opponent some brutal blows, and Torres' face was a bloody pulp when Dr. Donald Romeo ordered the fight stopped.

In a bantamweight semi-main, Eleoncio Mercedes, 119, of Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over Chocolato Rayles, 119, of Phoenix, Ariz.

Mercedes, a '76 Olympic Medalist, overpowered his foe with clever combinations and solid punches to the body. It was Rayles' first loss after a three-fight string of victories in the Silver Slipper Ring.

A six-round middleweight bout resulted in a unanimous decision for Pedro Pina, 157 of El Paso, Texas. Pina outpointed Fahim Mohammid, 156, of Los Angeles for the win. Mohammid was penalized a point for holding in the fifth round, which may have cost him the bout.

In an exciting heavyweight card opener, Eddie Wilson, 202, of Los Angeles, demolished opponent Walter Cloud, 216, of Long Beach, Calif. with a TKO at 1:10 of the second round.

Cloud was sent to the canvas twice in the first round, but each time staggered to his feet at the count of eight. He was nearly defenseless in the second round, and collapsed in his corner following the TKO.

▲LAS VEGAS — Earl Tripp, the brilliant young Las Vegas heavyweight, scored a unanimous decision over "King" David Smith, 187, Los Angeles, at the Silver Slipper's "Strip Fight of the Week."

The 196-pound Tripp, who was *The Ring* Magazine's Prospect of the Month in December, was less impressive in this bout than he had been in previous action.

Fighting with a broken jaw incurred in the first round, Tripp also encountered trouble with King David's run-and-hold style of fighting.

Tripp admitted that Smith's style had confused him, stating: "He was hard to hit because he ran a lot."

Tripp did not admit to the broken jaw until after the fight. The decision brings his record to 8-1, including five first-round knockouts.

In the semi-main, Earl Large, 122, of Clovis, New Mexico, won a unanimous decision over Jose "El Indio" Resendez, 122, of Los Angeles.

Large, who is a classic standup boxer, used his reach advantage and his strong left jab to score the winning points.

In a four-round welterweight bout, Amando Ramirez, 137, of Los Angeles, scored a unanimous decision over Louis Daniels, 140, of Trenton, New Jersey.

Ramirez won every round with his aggressive tactics; and managed to send Daniels to the canvas in the second round.

A substitute middleweight bout saw Mike Westrich, 165, of Memphis, Tenn., KO opponent Eddie Atkinson, 176, Las Vegas, in a brief 2:15 of the second round.

▲LAS VEGAS — Eddie Nuno, 140, Los Angeles, came to Las Vegas as a substitute opponent for Las Vegas' Horace Shufford, in the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Nuno's decision proved to be disastrous, as he suffered a brutal pounding and a TKO at 1:42 of the fifth round.

Shufford was in command throughout the fight, inflicting brutal punishment on Nuno with left jabs, and fierce combinations.

Nuno suffered a bloody nose and breathing difficulties in the second round and was further hampered when Shufford opened a cut inside his right eyelid.

The bleeding was so profuse by the fifth round that ring physician Dr. Donald Romeo ordered the fight stopped.

This was Nuno's first professional loss; and Shufford's eleventh win against one loss and one draw.

In a twin main-event, Fili Ramirez, 135, of Los Angeles, won a ten-round unanimous decision over Willie Daniels, 138, of Trenton, New Jersey.

Ramirez was the aggressor throughout the fight. He suffered a setback in the sixth round when he was thumbed in the right eye. He was hampered by vision problems in the seventh and eighth rounds, but rallied by the ninth, and went on to win the decision.

A semi-main saw two out-of-shape heavyweights battle to a split decision. Mike Creel, 210, of Lubbock, Texas, was the victor over Lou Lockwood, 194, of Reno, Nevada.

Both fighters displayed guts and determination to substitute for their lack of boxing skills.

A scheduled four-round prelim of jr. middleweights ended abruptly at 2:36 of the first round. Edick Nsofor, 152, of Nigeria, scored a TKO over Chuck Kojack, 157, of Riverside, Calif.

The fight was stopped under the Nevada three-knockdown rule as Kojak hit the canvas three times in succession, first from a right-left jab combination, then from two successive right crosses.

In the card opener, Mike Rich, 158, of Memphis, Tenn., scored a TKO over Calvin Tellis, 157½ of Las Vegas. Tellis obviously was not interested in fighting, and referee Carlos Padilla stopped the bout at 2:02 of the third round.

MINNESOTA AREA NEWS

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

▲WAUKESHA, WISC. — Pro boxing returned to Wisconsin headlined by two veteran heavyweights. Milwaukee's Leroy Caldwell clashed with Johnny Mac and at the end Caldwell was awarded a unanimous eight round decision. The win was Caldwell's fifth in a row and brought his record to 15-15-1. Mac, who is now 7-20-0, was down in the fifth and seventh rounds.

Tom Tarantino, Milwaukee jr. welter (16-15-2), knocked out overmatched Frank Mills of Muncie, Ind. in the fourth round.

Carlos Serrano, Chicago (4-2-inc), decisioned Scott Anderson, Madison, Wisc. (1-5-0), in a six-round lightweight match.

Eddie Thomas, Muncie, Ind., stopped Arturo Salas, Chicago, in the first round. They are jr. welterweights.

Pete Hernandez, Chicago, stopped Cicero Blake, Muncie, Ind., in the fifth round of a welterweight bout.

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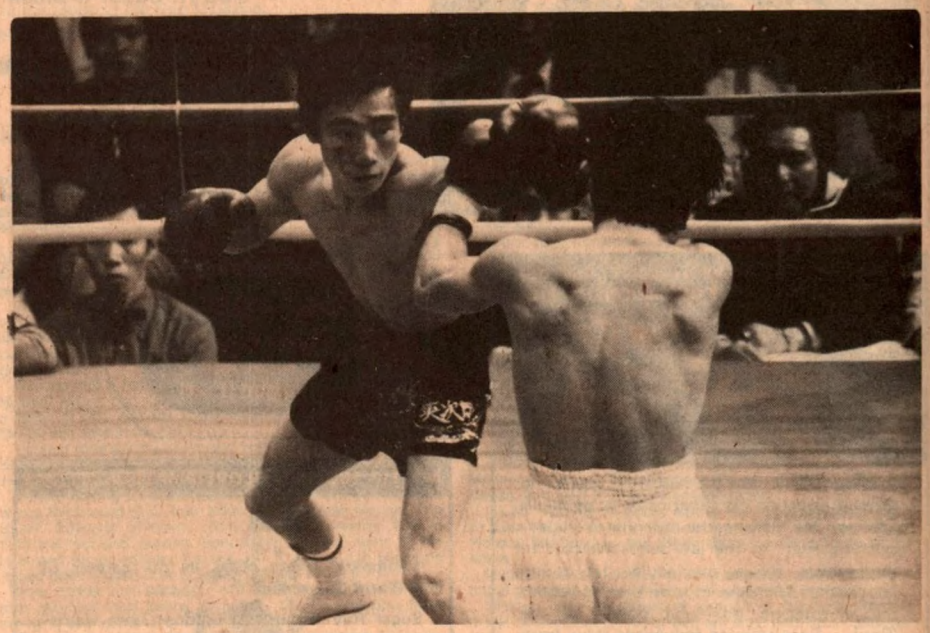

Blood streams down the cheek of Elijiro Murata as he throws a left jab to the head of defending OPBF champion Kim Yung-Shik in their twelve-rounder at Korakuen Hall in Tokyo. Murata won the title by unanimous decision.

TOKYO, JAPAN — Unbeaten Eijiro Murata, twenty-two years of age, captured the OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) bantamweight title from Korean speedster Kim Yung-Shik, as the youngster sent a barrage of left and right punches to Kim's face and body to score a shutout decision in twelve busy rounds at Korakuen Hall.

Murata entered the ring a quarter pound heavier than the defending champ's 117½. Referee Morita tabbed the gory affair 60-55, while both judges, Sasaki and Ugo, saw it 60-56, all in Murata's favor.

Some 1,600 fans witnessed Eijiro become the fourth current Japanese champion in eleven OPBF classes.

In an opening session, Murata began bleeding from a cut over the left eyebrow caused by an accidental butt, though they cautiously probed each other with few blows. Badly enough, the Nipponese upright stylist suffered other gashes at the right cheek in the fourth session and at the head in the seventh round, all due to head collisions. The 28-year-old Kim had to pay the penalty of one point because of his frequent butting, that is, the third punch in his harsh jolting attack in round seven.

However, Murata was the aggressor all the way. In the second to fourth rounds, Murata was in command, tossing more blows to Kim's face and averting his opponent's wild punches with his gloves and feet. Kim, as fast in his hands as to be called "Korea's Jet Plane" and to have compiled a good record of 32-5-1 (seven by kayo), began to be very scrappy in the fifth round to try to win back some lost points, fighting toe-to-toe in even terms. In round six, the combatants never retreated; they punched and clinched. The round was even. The seventh session saw the third man ordered to stop the proceedings for awhile to have Murata's red ribbons examined by a JBC (Japan Boxing Commission) ring physician. Just after the interruption, Kim butted, and that Ref Morita declared a one-point deduction from the wild champ's score.

With his face in crimson, Murata connected with left and right punches at the willing mixer, though some were averted by Kim's elusiveness, to win the eighth round by a slight margin. The ninth canto was battled evenly with Kim's desperate attack and Murata's hot response to it. The Japanese prospect's best was shown in round ten, when Murata was aggressive enough to chase the shorter Kim from pillar to post. But Murata's cuts was streaming blood so tremendously as to be checked by the doctor again, having the crowd afraid of a sudden stoppage.

In spite of losing the twelfth and final round, Kim, WBA top bantam contender, fought gamely to mix it up in the close quarter.

It was an important victory as well as his twelfth win including eight knockouts against one draw (with Korean national boss, Park In-Kyu) for Murata. He was lucky, in a sense, to have studied Kim's style and strategy, as the Korean had revealed some of his flaws in his appearance at the Hall four months ago, losing a twelve-round decision to another hope, Shuichi Isogami in a non-title bout. Piloted by ex-Orient feather champ Shigeji Kaneko, he kept winning in an amateur tournament to decide a representative to go to the Montreal Olympic Games, but lost a hairline nod to Hitoshi Ishigaki in the final.

Kaneko made his boy turn professional in July of 1976 to register a string of wins over the likes of national bantam boss Go Numata, Jo Araki, Hurricane Teru and Kosei Kawaguchi, more experienced top notchers. Since last year, Kaneko has had veteran trainer Eddie Taunsend of the U.S. coach the fast-rising Eijiro and improve his power punching.

Despite only thirteen pro bouts, Murata had finished forty-three rivals in seventy-eight wins against ten defeats during his amateur career.

Although the reporter admits his talent in the Sweet Science, it is true that there is some room for Murata to correct and improve. For example, his still amateurish proneness to receive his rival's punches at close range and his still unsatisfactory lack of power. However, Murata truly looks like a bright hope to fight for the world title in the near future.

In a hard-fought semi-ten, taller Masaru Ruji, 113¾, survived a light knockdown in round two to come back hard, flattening sturdy puncher Masami Sekiyama, an East-Japan Shinjin-o (Novice King) tournament winner with ten kayo wins in twelve

triumphs against only two defeats, at 2:59 of the fifth round.

Sekiyama, 113½ pounds, showed his lack of stamina, for all his points lead, to go to dreamland. Both were JBC flyweight rankers.

A supporting eight much entertained the spectators all. Another East-Japan Shinjin-o winner and rising stablemate of Kaneko Club, Kazuaki Hamada, 136¾, battered lanky Toshio Mori, one pound heavier, lopsidedly as soon as the bout began, dropped the latter in the third round, but sank near the end of the fifth. Taller Mori's straight punches made a bloody mess of Hamada to score two knockdowns for the full count.

It was a crowd pleasing night.

JAPAN

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL — Slim and sharp Hitoshi Ishigaki, the man who had beaten the new OPBF bantie champ Murata in the Olympic elimination final, turned pro later than he, but continued a winning streak as he halted lefty puncher and former All-Japan Shinjin-o winner Naga Tetsumasa at 1:13 of the fourth session in a scheduled ten. Some 1,500 were in attendance.

Both scaled in at 117¼ pounds, under the limit. It was 25-year-old Ishigaki's fifth pro bout and fourth kayo win. But he seemed to your reporter to be still amateurish to move and punch awkwardly, though he scored with a well-timed right to drop the more experienced southpaw, 16-7-1 with ten kayos, midway in the second round.

Naga might have been somewhat ill-conditioned, for it was not at a proper time that a towel was tossed in from the corner to save the fighter. Ishigaki must hone the timing of his punches to cope with veteran top notchers.

What an unfortunate thing it is! No. 3 JBC flyweight and ex-WBA ranker Shigeo Nakajima, who was scheduled to enter a champion tenner, had his right ankle fractured badly enough before the contest to be forced to have it cancelled suddenly. His opponent, Mikio Uchida, was also very disappointed at the happening.

In a preliminary six, Hiroshi Kosuge, 126, won a unanimous decision over Kazuo Uchida, 123, after the former dropped the latter by vicious left hooks in round two.

There were also four four-rounders in a card promoted by Yomekura Promotion.

▲SHIMIZU CITY — Ex-Shinjin-o victor and now JBC No. seven 140-pounder, Shoichi Kumada seemed a bit topheavy in recent bouts, as he was demolished by Tsutomu Matsuo, a local favorite a quarter pound heavier at 139½, in three quick rounds. In his previous contest, the hard-hitting but lantern jawed Kumada had kissed the canvas twice before he came back desperately to draw with Harbar Watanabe in ten heats at Korakuen Hall.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL — The final of the East-Japan Shinjin-o tournament was held at Korakuen Hall, to an estimated 1,800 fight fans gathering. The annual traditional tournament is of great significance, because the victor of the All-Japan Shinjin-o in every class should be rated at the tenth place of the national rating by the JBC, no matter how short his professional career may be.

Usually, the winner of the East-Japan district used to dominate his class in the final of finals because of the high level of fighting in Tokyo.

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT: Tadashi Tomori, eighteen-year-old ex-amateur Japan's high school boxing champion, won a unanimous decision from Toshikazu Higa, a quarter pound heavier at the limit of 108, in six.

Tomori's attack in combination was so impressive as to overwhelm the slower rival in the final session. Tomori is unbeaten in eight bouts.

FLYWEIGHT: Undefeated Goichi Oshi, 111, utilized his advantage of height and reach, winning a shutout decision from Ryoji Tomita, 112, in six. Both were Amateurish, but Oshi threw more punches to overwhelm the shorter infighter.

BANTAMWEIGHT: Not so young, 25-year-old Ryoetsu Maruyama, 118, made short work of Takihiro Hashimoto, 117¼, finishing him early in the second round. Maruyama's left hook had the loser crawling to the canvas for the count.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT: Very young, eighteen-year-old Toshi Okuma, 121¾, was held to a six-round draw by another tall outfighter named Toshiyuki Tanaka, 122. Okuma, however, won the right to enter the All-Japan final by fighting a bit more effectively in the additional seventh round. Officially their bout is recored as a split draw, but the younger Okuma tossed good left hooks to shake him up in the unexpected "one more" three-minutes. Okuma is unbeaten in eight pro contests.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Slick-punching and shorter Hideharu Mitsui, 22 and 125¼ pounds, gained a unanimous duke from Kazuo Yoshinaga, 125½, after floring the latter with a good right counterpunch in the second round.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT: Coming back from a first round knockdown, Kazuaki Eguni, 130, fought back hard with his vaunted body punches to luckily be awarded a technical kayo over Shuji Hattori, 129¾, in the third round.

The winner, Eguni, was a strong left hooker who gained the seventh kayo in his seventh win against two defeats and two draws.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Having registered four knockouts in as many bouts, Tadao Ishido, 134, was regarded as a good favorite, but he was downed twice from straight rights by Tadashi Suginaga, 134½, in the first round and lost a close majority decision (27-27, 29-27 and 28-27) in six rounds.

Only in the opening round was Suginaga's right very sharp and powerful.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT: No younger than 27-years-old, Masami Yoshikaga. 139¾, showed very good fighting, as he averted most of the roundhouse rallies by Kazutoshi Kobayashi, twenty and 140 pounds, to demolish the latter at 2:50 of the third round. Yoshinaga's record was upped to 6-1 with six knockouts. He is piloted by Gushiken's manager, Kanehira.

WELTERWEIGHT: Unbeaten Shigeo Takagi, 147, displayed very awkward but hard punches, disposing of Kenji Fukuda, 146, in no later thatn two minutes of the first round. Takagi, now 4-0-2 with four kayos, exploded a vicious right shot at the temple of Fukuda to finish him rather easily.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: Undefeated in three previous contests, Hiroyuki Sasaki, Royal Kobayashi's stablemate at 159¼, was awarded a technical kayo over Mitsuo Miyauchi, 155¾, midway in the fourth session.

▲TOKYO — WBA world junior flyweight champion Yoko Gushiken was unanimously named "Fighter of the Year" of Japan for the third consecutive time by the Boxing Section of the Tokyo Sports Writers Club. The undefeated southpaw, twenty-three, also won the Knockout Award, as he engaged in four bouts, including three title defenses, and won all within the distance. His victims were Aniceto Vargas of the Philippines in fourteen one-sided rounds on January 29, Panamanian ex-champ Jaime Rios in thirteen hard-fought sessions on May 7, Korean national leader Kim Mak-Dong in six sharp rounds on August 13, and OPBF titlist Chung Sang-Il from Korea in five quick sessions on October 15.

The "Fight of the Year" Award was given to the Gushiken vs. Rios furious rematch, without objection.

The "Valuable Victory" Award went to newly crowned WBA junior middleweight champion Masashi Kudo, also unbeaten in twenty-one bouts, who dethroned Nicaragua's Eddie Gazo via a fifteen round decision on August 9. The "Technique Award" was won by up-and-coming national welterweight leader Akio Kameda, twenty-two, who gained the crown by an impressive fifth round knockout over veteran Shoji Tsujimoto on April 28. The victory was Kameda's seventh straight kayo in as many pro outings, causing a great sensation at the fistic fraternity.

The "Fighting Spirit" Award was rendered to national lightweight titlist Masahiro Yokai, 24-year-old hard-hitter, who won important bouts, from perennial contender Hitoshi Takahashi via a second round stoppage in April and from junior welter boss Noboru Hatakeyama by a ten-round unanimous decision in September.

The "Efforts" Award was given simultaneously to OPBF flyweight champ Chikara Igarashi and national junior flyweight boss Kazunori Tenryu. Igarashi wrested the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation title as he gained a unanimous decision over Korean lefty Yang Hong-Soo in twelve heats in July. The 28-year-old Tenryu, standing at only 4'7", has been the champion since the 108-pound class was established almost four years ago. He kept it on thirteen straight occasions. Rookie Citations went to new Japan's bantamweight titleholder Kosei Anan and Hitoshi Ishigaki, an ex-Olympian as well as a fast-rising 118-pounder. Bantie Anan, Novice King tournament victor in the previous year, became the champ by beating Jo Araki by a ten-round hard-battled decision in the Carnival of Champions on November 25.

Ishigaki, with a bright amateur career, kept his winning ways by stopping four men in his five pro victories.

A Special Award was presented to lefty ex-champ Tsujimoto, dethroned by Kameda, who had retained the welter crown for twelve times with his excellent speed and skills. After the upset setback, Tsujimoto, thirty, decided to hang up gloves for good.

Koki Ishii won the "Best Amateur Boxer" Award by a unanimous vote. Flyweight Ishii recently gained the gold metal in the Asian Games in Thailand. However, the 24-year-old speedster announced that he would pro rather than make an entry in the next Olympic Games in 1980.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL — In the final card of the year at the Hall, ex-Olympian Yukio Segawa appeared in an important tenner with Thai bantamweight champ Somkiat Sukothai, OPBF top contender in the 118-pound class as well, in an overweight contest. Both entered the ring at 122½ pounds.

Segawa, who had faced Howard Davis in the Montreal Olympic Games and lost a close decision, scared his sixth pro victory with an eighth round kayo over the Thailander. Somkiat, twenty-two years old, seemed dangerous opposition for the Japanese lefthander due to the former's record of 19-3 with fourteen knockouts. However, the physique of Segawa was a bit bigger than that of the Thai bantam champ, because the Nipponese had moved down from the 126-pound class. Lefty Segawa, with four kayos in six bouts, exchanged sharp solid blows with Somkiat incessantly. But Segawa weathered Somkiat's snappy punches, while the Thai speedster was staggering time and again.

Segawa's better precision in punching caused Somkiat to fade as the game progressed. From the sixth round on, the contest became very one-sided. Segawa battered the lanky Thai almost at will, shaking him up with good one-twos. In the fatal eighth session, Segawa swarmed over his groggy rival and made him t7in to the ropes. Referee Shimakawa counted to nine against Somkiat and ordered him to fight on.

The Thai champ resumed fighting but gave it up immediately after he was battered by the aggressive southpaw again. The time was 2:54. With more sharpness in his punching and mobility, Segawa will be a dangerous contender for the Japanese or OPBF junior feather thrones. Segawa, an ex-Japan Self Defense Athletic School student now piloted by Akihiko Honda and Ms. Haru Nagano, gained his fifth kayo win to prove a bright prospect.

In a companion ten, stylish Eiichi Fukumoto barely earned a majority nod over Harber Watanabe, an awkward bobber, in a see-saw contest. Each weighed in at 143½ pounds.

In a junior flyweight six, taller Shuichi Hozumi won another majority decision over Nobuyoshi Ohashi.

KOREA

▲PUSAN — New OPBF junior welterweight leader Kim Sang-Hyun, engaged in a ten-round bout with another Thai, Tongta Kiatvayupakdi. Badly staggered by Tongta's straight left to the face in round two, Kim came back to finish him at 2:32 of the fourth session.

▲SEOUL — In a supporting tenner for the WBA junior feather title bout of Ricardo Cardona and Chung Soon-Hyun, ex-national junior middle titlist Lee Man-Dok disposed of Japan's fourth welterweight contender, Toshiharu Nambu, at 2:02 of the seventh canto.

Nambu was down on the seat of his pants because of Lee's solid right in the third round. Though he fought back hard, Lee's power was too much for him, dropping him twice more and for the count.

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS

BY THE ORIENTAL & PACIFIC BOXING FEDERATION

(AS OF JANUARY 23, 1979)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Jae Do Yuh (K)
1. Wally Carr (A)
2. Rudy Siregar (I)
3. Chong Pal Park (K)
4. Heun Won Kang (K)
5. Toshiaki Suzuki (J)
6. Al Korevov (A)
7. Namyong Park (K)
8. Aquilino Nicolas, Jr. (P)
9. Katsuo Ezashi (J)
10. Ramon Dionisio (P)

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Jae Keun Yim (K)
1. Kenji Shibata (J)
2. Yong Taek Kim (K)
3. Armando Moniquito (P)
4. Tadashi Mihara (J)
5. Michihiro Horihata (J)
6. Mak Dok Lee (K)
7. Eddie Buttons (A)
8. Jun Shik Kim (K)
9. Tsutomu Hagusa (J)
10. Tamingthong Singsamang (T)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ryu Sorimachi (J)
1. Akio Kameda (J)
2. Gideon Toyogon (P)
3. Hector Thompson (A)
4. Joo Suk Kim (J)
5. Mana Premchai (T)
6. Jong Sathiragym (T)
7. Neil Patteli (A)
8. Namain Baek (K)
9. Dan De Guzman (P)
10. Mitsuo Kushikino (J)

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang Hyun Kim (K)
1. Chong Ho Kim (K)
2. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
3. Minoru Suguiya (J)
4. Ruben Rabago (P)
5. Jeff Malcolm (A)
6. Moises Cantoja (P)
7. Chong Chul Choi (K)
8. Togta Kiatvayupakdi (T)
9. Eiichi Fukumoto (J)
10. Edward Heneral (P)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Yung Ho Oh (K)
1. Masahiro Yokai (J)
2. Many Israel (P)
3. Jenrub Muangsurin (T)
4. Lee Iidano (K)
5. Kiyoshi Kazama (J)
6. Barry Michel (A)
7. Sang Mo Koo (K)
8. Hitoshi Takahashi (J)
9. Al Espinosa (P)
10. Changton Singthanongsakdi (T)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Mun Suk Chaoi (K)
1. Bomber Uchida (J)
2. Tae Jin Mun (K)
3. Fred "Bruce Lee" Besa (P)
4. Rey Tam (P)
5. Hyun Il Park (K)
6. Lindsay Roberts (A)
7. Lito Pena (P)
8. Ryu Fukida (J)
9. Klonyuth Punyuth (T)
10. Hyung Kils Chun (K)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Spider Nemoto (J)
2. Suk Tae Yun (K)
3. Shuza Yoshida (J)
4. Bok Soo Hwang (K)
5. Nene June (P)
6. Nunthaure Leadbankee (T)
7. Rolando Navarete (P)
8. Kunpholek Sakornphitak (T)
9. Koichi Matsushima (J)
10. Nick Lo Bianco (A)

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Soo Hyun Chun (K)
1. Ric Diamle (P)
2. Yu Kasahara (J)
3. Chong Wo Baek (K)
4. Dejvarin Hollywood (T)
5. Dok Hyun Koh (K)
6. Yukio Segawa (J)
7. Brian Robert (A)
8. Hiroyuki Iwamoro (J)
9. Neptali Alamag (P)
10. Rudy Patalinhug (P)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Murata (J)
1. In Kyo Park (K)
2. Kosei Anan (J)
3. Billy Abato (P)
4. Paul Ferreri (A)
5. Jin Ishigaki (J)
6. Somkiat Sukothai (T)
7. Venice Borkosor (T)
8. Choon Ha Park (K)
9. Myun Gan Moon (K)
10. Harricane Teru (J)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tsutomu Igarashi (J)
1. Jiro Takada (J)
2. Dan Pisalchai (T)
3. Koichi Maki (J)
4. Arnel Arrozal (P)
5. Sangthong Siththumrong (T)
6. Seung Hoon Lee (K)
7. Hwang Soo Yang (K)
8. Shigeo Nakajima (J)
9. Steve Bell (A)
10. Monsayam Mahachai (T)

JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang Il Chung (K)
1. Siony Carpo (P)
2. Kazunori Tenryu (J)
3. Mak Dong Kim (K)
4. Chungcherng Borkorsor (T)
5. Tae Shik Kim (K)
6. Ver Libradilla (P)
7. Pedro Solo (A)
8. Keisuke Yuguchi (J)
9. Young Hyun Kim (K)
10. Wonchai S. Pengpis (T)

Legend: (J) Japan, (K) Korea, (P) Philippines, (T) Thailand, (A) Australia, (I) Indonesia.
Note: The Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation does not rate boxers who are currently rated by world boxing organizations.

PHILIPPINES

▲DAVAO CITY — GAB (Games and Amusements Board, the Commission of the country) flyweight champion Julius Gonzaga, 111½ pounds, lost his title by a split decision to Arnel Arrozal, 112, in ten hot frames. Gonzaga had stopped veteran Bernabe Villacampo withint he distance to win the national crown in a GAB eliminator.

Arrozal, with this important triumph, was named "Boxer of the Month" by the GAB.

The second and third junior flyweight contenders met in a semi-final tenner. Ronald Sumalis, 110½, proved stronger than Ric Barimbad, 108½, winning a unanimous decision.

Welterweight Erning Marin, 147 pounds, and Al Del Rosario, 140, fought to a majority draw in the first ten of the night.

The card was promoted by Anotnio Esguerra.

▲CLARK AIR BASE — Another card by promoter Esguerra was witnessed by fight fans, as Young Dela Cruz lost a unanimous decision to Alex David in ten rounds. Both entered the ring at the 130-pound limit.

▲DAVAO DEL NORTE — Rising hope Ric Barimbad, 109, technically kayoed Willie Lao, 110, in the third session of their scheduled ten.

Another hard-hitting prospect in the bantam division, Ronaldo Sumalis, 119 pounds, scored a TKO over Bonnie Cajes, 121, in the third round.

Little Carupo won a unanimous nod from Rudy Canasa in ten. Each scaled in at 111 pounds.

Lightweight Sil Arcillas, 138, astonished the crowd by halting Marlon Mascardo, one pound light, in the first round of a scheduled ten. Margarito Daramayo was the promoter of the four tenners.

▲CHANNEL 4, METRO MANILA — Solid puncher Raffy Saulong, 118, showed his power in stopping Rocky Constantino, 120 pounds, in the second session of their ten-rounder.

▲ZAMBOANGA DE SUR — Ric Dolotallas, 135, engaged in a overweight bout to score a unanimous duke over Roldan Jumuad, at the same weight, in ten.

▲PAMPANGA, SAN FERNANDO — GAB second featherweight Boy Reyes, 132, impressively TKO'd Mar Alverio, 134 pounds, in the opening session.

Romy Cunanan, No. 3 feather, stopped Nest Winter in the fourth round. Each weighed in at 130 pounds.

Young Dela Cruz, 130, unanimously beat Alex Bitong, 130, in ten heats.

Bantie Eddie Miral, 119, fought to a majority draw with Star Dayanan, 120, ten.

It was Antonio Esguerra's card, full of good contests.

▲OROQUIETA CITY — Top junior flyweight contender of the country, Ver Libradilla, 110 pounds, decisively whipped Josue Agcang, 110, in ten frames.

▲CAG. DE ORO CITY — National junior feather champion Ric Diamale, 118½, entered a non-title twelve-rounder to unanimously outscore Bill Abrogar, 120, and the eighth bantie. Diamale had won the GAB title last march.

Flyweight top contender Flash Jagdon proved too much for Franco Torregosa, taking a unanimous nod in ten. Each weighed in at 113 pounds.

George Pedroso, 111, won over Divino Inocian, two pounds heavier, via a unanimous decision in ten.

▲BAGUIO CITY — It was promoter Antero Velandria, Jr.'s card featuring five tenners. Fast-rising Neptali Alamag, 121, scored a majority decision over George Tam, 123, ten. GAB third flyweight Melchor Degsi, 111 pounds, annexed a unanimous duke from Flor Escobido, 112, in ten. Lightweight puncher Rudy Lolis, 134, was so impressive as to stop Johnny Tam, 133, in the fifth session. Junior lightweight Willie Espinosa was a TKO victor from Agustin Llagas midway in the fifth round. Both entered the ring at 130 pounds.

Flyweight ranker of the GAB, Jummy Boy, technically kayoed Jun Evangelista in the third session of their scheduled ten. Each tipped the beam at 115 pounds.

▲CHANNEL 4, METRO MANILA — Leading Bantam contender Romy Roa defeated Glen Orlanes by a unanimous decision in ten heats. Promoted by Ramon Lainez. Both were one pound heavier than the 118-pound bantam limit.

THAILAND

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM — Ex-WBC junior flyweight champion Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh, 113 pounds, engaged in his first contest since he had been dethroned by Korea's Kim Sung-Jun by a third-round upset kayo last September. Short lefty Netrnoi impressively demolished former world flyweight titlist Erbito Salavarria from the Philippines in the fourth round. Despite their difference of height by some six inches, Netrnoi continued boring in to batter Salavarria's midsection effectively.

After they exchanged a few lead blows in the opening session, the bout became a total war. The Thai puncher let fly strong body blows, while Salavarria retaliated with long punches at the face of the willing mixer. The Filipino dominated the round by a very slight margin. In round three, Salavarria attempted to outjab the sticky southpaw, but Netrnoi kept stalking him with roundhouse punches to the midsection. It was even.

The fourth round witnessed a sudden finish, as Netrnoi nailed Salavarria against a neutral corner with a flurry of punches, landed a wicked left at the solar-plexus, and sent him to the canvas. Salavarria was unable to beat the count due to the bad punishment he had received. Netrnoi, still very young, deserves a rematch with reigning champ Kim of the 108-pound class.

It was another surprise that Salavarria, scaling at 111 pounds, made a comeback after a long layoff, although he had obtained fame and fortune by winning the world title twice, from Chartchai Chionoi and from Susumu Hanagata, years ago.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM — The country saw a very big event in hosting the Asian Games with many athletes in various sports. The finals of boxing tournaments in eleven classes were held before plenty of fight fans.

South Korea showed its high level in the amateur boxing field by acquiring five gold metals. The results of the hard-contested finals are as follows.

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT: Siri Supanya became Thailand's sole gold medalist by using an effective left hand to outpoint Rib Yong Uk, North Korea, in three official rounds.

FLYWEIGHT: Japan's Koki Ishii needed only ninety-four seconds to dispose of Indonesia's Johny Riberu in the first session.

BANTAMWEIGHT: Hwang Chul Soon, South Korea, won a unanimous decision from Burma's Nyo Win in three rounds.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Gold medalist in the Montreal Olympic Games, Ku Yong Jo of North Korea fully showed his strength by polishing off Pakistani Mohammad Khan in the second session.

LIGHTWEIGHT: South Korean Choi Chung Il defeated Ruben Maros, Philippines, by a 5-0 score. (Each contest was judged by five officials.)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT: Thai Vichit Pri-Anant lost a decision (4-1) to Kim Im Chang in three sharp rounds.

WELTERWEIGHT: Hwang Choon Jai, South Korea, gained a unanimous decision over Wallop Totasan of Thailand in three.

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT: South Korea collected its fifth gold metal, as Park Il Shun outscored Thai Rabiab Sangnual via a 5-0 decision.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: Indonesia's Williem Gomies barely defeated Jang Bong Mun, North Korea, by a split 3-2 score in three hairline rounds.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT: Another close 3-2 decision was scored in Pakistan's Mohammad Iabal's win over Kim Nam Hee of South Korea in three. Kim may have been the victim of an anti-monopoly law, if any.

HEAVYWEIGHT: There were many Mohammads, but he was not Mohammad but Mohmood Imitiaz, of Pakistan, who unanimously outscored Indian Bris in three rounds.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN, STADIUM — In an eliminator to decide the TBC (Thailand Boxing Commission) junior featherweight champion, Dejvarin Hollywood knocked out hard-hitting Dedkad Kiatbunyong in the fourth session of their scheduled ten rounder.

The national crown had been vacant after the relinquishment of former champ Kunphollek Sakornphitak, who had outgrown the 122-pound class to become a top featherweight contender.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM — Up-and-coming featherweight Klonyuth P. Punyuth demolished ex-national champ Tinkajorn Dejkajorn in the sixth round.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM — Mokasak Muangsurin was too much for less experienced Daowlert Sithsanei, stopping the latter in two quick rounds.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM — Flyweight contender Suriya Pratumvadee decisioned Denchai Petchubol in six rounds.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM — Kaewsawan Kiat Ch.P. a TKO over unknown Charnchai Lookphabath in the sixth and final round.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM — TBC top welter contender, Khunphol Sakornphitak, displayed his superiority in power by disposing of Krisana Thanakorn in the second session.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM — Ex-amateur ringster Jekthep Chuvatana gained a decision over Wonchai S. Penpis, TBC third 108-pounder, in six upset rounds.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM — Former Orient junior flyweight champ Monsayarm H. Mahachai was held to a draw by Duen E-san Luklongjun, No. 5 bantie, in six hard-fought rounds.

▲BANGKOK, RAJADAMNERN STADIUM — Second-ranked 135-pounder, Vechayun Senapitak, defeated Khunpan Singhtothong in six heats.

▲BANGKOK, LUMPINEE STADIUM — Ex-world ranker Thanomchit Sukothai easily finished Dorn Sornsakdisith in the second round.

● NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA ●

BY RAY MITCHELL

▲ Twenty-two year old Jeff Malcolm, 137½, retained his Commonwealth and Australian junior welter titles by outpointing former champion Lawrence "Baby Cassius" Austin, 137, over fifteen at Griffith open air Rugby Ground.

Referee Gus Mercurio scored 145-134, judge Don Marks 148-141, judge Ray Mitchell 147-142.

It was not a fight of great excitement. It was a tactical battle of cut-thrust and parry, as each is a smart boxer. When Malcolm led with his southpaw right Austin flashed in with a fast counter, so Malcolm changed his tactics to a long lead, followed by a quick move to close quarters where he scored with a couple of blows and moved away and around. The tactics paid off with a convincing win but Austin had three good rounds in ten, eleven, twelve, to draw the margin closer. Malcolm took charge again in the thirteenth and was in no danger of being headed.

This was the second time Malcolm had beaten Austin, having taken his titles some three months earlier, also by points decision.

Despite his youth, Malcolm has had sixty-seven professional contests and no one has stopped him, through he has lost some on points, most of the losses coming early in his career. Right now he is better than at any time in his career and deserves a world rating.

▲ Townsville, in the north of the State of Queensland, on the same night as the Malcolm-Austin bout, the first junior flyweight championship of Australia took place with Junior Thompson outpointing Bobby Williams over ten.

▲ An unusual situation: An Australian title fight took place in Fiji. Wally Carr, Australian middleweight champion, halted Fijian Torkano Marcos in the eleventh round of a scheduled fifteen, thus derfending his title for some three years, and was ranked leading contender for Carr's title, so had every right to contest it, even though the bout was held in Fiji.

▲ At Blacktown R.S.L. Club, Rocky St. Clair, 174½, won the vacant New South Wales State heavy title by knocking out Amos Moses, 180, in the fifth round. St. Clair is an idol at Blacktown, and when Moses was counted out the crowd went wild with delight.

▲ Comer Brockie Crowe, 132, outpointed Roy Hughes, 131, in the main-event eight at Kingsford. It was Crowe's first main.

▲ Boxing returned to the N.S.W. country town of Lismore for the first time in many years when Robert Hinkling, 147, outpointed Dave Rudken, 145, in the main event ten. It was a split decision. In a sixer, veteran Alby Roberts, 147, lost on points to Gary Tomlinson, 146, and immediately announced his retirement from boxing. Then he was awarded a trophy as the best loser of the program, so he announced that he would continue boxing! The shortest retirement in history?

▲ Final promotion of the year 1978 took place at Mt. Pritchard. On top of the bill, Roger Henry, 126, outpointed Reg King, 125, over ten. Good contest.

In the main support over eight, prelim fighter Rocky Maguire, 134, turned in an upset by scoring a fifth-round KO over Australian rated junior light weight Garry Tempest, 128.

So, 1978 drew to a close. It was a better year in Australia than was 1977, a shade better than was 1976, but way down on the peak year 1970. In 1978, there were 133 promotions at 46 venues around Australia. Total boxers active: 400. Total professional contests: 584.

In 1977, the comparative figures were: 101 promotion at thirty venues; 341 boxers taking part in 472 contests.

In 1970, we had 378 promotions at seventy-one venues, with 1,308 boxers taking part in 2,403 contests.

Most active Australian boxer in 1978 was bantam-cum-feather Sparrow Freeman, with thirty bouts. Second was Paul Baker, a light-cum welter who also used the name "Paul Baron" and once, in a bout in New Guinea, called himself Steve Assand.

There was one world title fight in Australia during 1978. Rocky Mattioli, one-time Australian welter champion, came home to defen his WBC junior middle (supper welter) title against Elisha Obed. Mattioli won by KO in round seven.

Tony Mundine, who reigns as Australian heavyweight and light heavyweight champion, lost his commonwealth light heavy crown early in the year when he was knocked out by one punch from Gary Summerhays in the eleventh round after Mundine dominated the action all the way.

Al Korovou, who held the Australian middleweight title, won the Commonwealth crown by knocking out Monty Betham but lost it in Denmark to Ayub Kalule. Then he lost his Australian title to Wally Carr after the most courageous performance seen for years. Carr halted Korovou in round thirteen.

There were the two Commonwealth junior welter title tilts between Malcolm and Austin, already mentioned, with the Australian title being on the line each time.

Eleven other Australian title tilts took place in 1978. Yours truly refereed four of them.

Billy Mulholland announced his retirement form boxing after losing his lightweight title to Barry Michael. Billy Moeller announced his retirement in December. Billy was Australian junior lightweight champion at the time.

There were about three dozen comebacks during 1978, some of whom had not boxed for years. Bevan Bleakley made a comeback after a retirement of eight years, eight months but was stopped and retired again.

But the comeback to end all comebacks was made by Phil Egan. Phil had one contest in February 1960. His next was in February, 1978—eighteen years later! Can that be beaten anywhere in the world? He had three contests in 1978.

Boxer Of The Year undoubtedly was Jeff Malcolm.

Australian champions coming into 1979 are: Tony Mundine (heavy and light heavy), Wally Carr (middle and junior middle, though he probably will relinquish the junior middle soon as he cannot make the weight and be strong). Neil Pattel (welter), Jeff Malcolm (junior welter), Barry Michael (light). Paul Ferreri (feather and bantam), Steve Bell (fly), and Junior Thompson (junior-fly). The junior light is vacant following the retirement of Billy Moeller.

This year 1979 could be the final one for Paul Ferreri (just turned thrity-one) and Steve Bell. Perhaps Tony Mundine may call it quits in 1979, but, as there are no heavies or light heavies here likely to cause him a headache, he may stay around.

We have some good prospects but nothing of world class except Jeff Malcolm, though Wally Carr gets a rating in the WBC top twenty.

In boxing, you never know who is around the corner. Perhaps in a year's time we will have some sensational youngsters knocking at the world door. Here's hoping.

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K.C. ACTION

By BOB YOUNG

▲KANSAS CITY—Municipal Auditorium—Kansas City's Tony Chiaverini, 158½, defeated Elisha Obed, 161, on a unanimous decision to move a step closer towards a possible title fight.

The first and second rounds saw Chiaverini sting the surprised Obed with hard left hooks. After this, Obed changed his tactics to clinching and holding throughout the remainder of the fight.

There wasn't much action through the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh rounds, as both fighters stayed with their fight plan; Obed throwing a punch and then holding, Chiaverini slipping, going to the body and kept boring in. The fight was distracted several times by the referee stopping the fight to take points from Obed for his tactics. It was apparent, however, that it was the only way Obed had a chance to complete the fight.

Right before the start of the ninth round, the crown of 5,500 began chanting "Tony! Tony! Tony! and Chiaverini responded, jarring the Bahamian with a hard right hook and following combination that sent him to his knees. The bell saved Obed from further punishment. The tenth was the same, with Chiaverini pounding Obed with hard body punches which had him rubbery legged and just trying to survive the final round.

In the other bouts: light heavyweight Ivy Brown of K. C. won a unanimous decision over Frankie Evans of Port Arthur, Texas. The fight went the eight-round distance. K. C. welterweight Tyron Wren outclassed Chicago's Bobby Orr through five rounds, when Orr's corner called it quits.

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NEBRASKA NIBBLINGS

By ROBERT J. RUIZ

▲OMAHA — Heavyweight Scott LeDoux of Minnesota was imported in to give cornhusker fans their first look at the celebrated boxer. Scott predicted a three-round finish and delivered.

LeDoux, 224, stopped fleet-footed Joe Donatto, 191, Texas, in three after downing him three times in that heat. Donatto showed flashes of ability, particularly with a swift left jab but was more concerned with staying alive than anything. Scott used a steady methodical pressure to wear down the fast moving Texan.

The second main event, also scheduled for ten rounds, was a stunning upset. Hard hitting Morris Jackson was making his comeback debut against Lynn Ball, Shreveport, La., 220. Local Jackson, 222, was dropped twice, the second time, he didn't get up. An electrifying first round KO for Ball, who is now 9-0. Lou Bailey, Jr., 191, Omaha, made an impressive pro debut against outclassed but gutsy Willie Stogin, 208, Ft. Worth , Tex. Bailey, son of an outstanding heavyweight father, left jabbed his way to an easy six-round decision.

Jim Hearn, 150, Omaha, surprised by ending the win streak of Joe "Kid Polack" Daszkiewicz, 150, Mmpls., five rounds. Ray Menefee, 135, Lincoln, stopped Kareen Akr, Kansas, two.

▲COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA — First fight here in five years headlined Sean O'Grady and local Ron Stander before an appreciative crowd of 1,900. Good action card promoted by Tom Lougren.

Sean O'Grady, 139, Oklahoma City, pushed his record to 60-1 with a fifth round knockout of scrappy Paul Garcia, 141, San Antonio. Garcia showed no fear of the highly touted O'Grady providing for a fast paced, exciting bout. The end came suddenly with Sean handing Garcia a lone knockdown but that was enough. Paul didn't get up.

Rugged Ron Stander, 228, Council Bluffs, flattened muscular Charles Atlas, 218, Monroe, La. in one round. Actually, the fight was far more interesting than mere results indicate. Atlas scored well at the start but was soon overwhelmed by the burly Iowan, who drove Atlas about the ring with ceaseless barrages towards the close before administering the *coupe de grace*.

Lupe Guerra, 210, Council Bluffs, Iowa, won a six-round nod over gutsy but outclassed Jim Pearish, 210, Joplin, Mo. Powerfully built Bruce Strauss, 148, Omaha, TKO'd Bill Thompson, 149, Wichita, Kansas, in three. Teddy Vaughn, 161, Omaha, stopped Bob Petersen, 161, Wichita, in three of a slow fight.

THE SUNNY SOUTH

By JOEL LIPSITT

▲ HOLIDAY INN RIVERMONT, MEMPHIS, TN—A spirited crowd of about one thousand braved the bitter cold and turned out to support the second Annual Xmas benefit boxing card. All profits from this show were donated to the Mile-of-Dimes and Good Fellows charities. Thanks to the splendid efforts of the promoters, 72-year-old Jack Lazarov and young Red Fortner, the financial goal was met.

In the ten-round feature stella presentation, fast stepping Memphian featherweight, Eddie "The Flea" Freeman, 128, scored a very impressive KO win at thirty seconds of the final heat over someone supposedly named Gilbert Garza, 145, Mexico, in upping his record to 25-2 while copping his twenty-first kayo in twenty-seven fights.

In a mauling six-round middleweight affair, Phil Reed, 169, Earle, Ark. registered his third win over always available Jimmy Cook, 166, Oseceola, Ark. via a split decision. Reed this time was in terrible condition, was sloopy with his punches, and, for his troubles, sustained a nasty gash over his left brow. He was lucky to get the nod.

In another supporting six-rounder, a newcomer to the Memphis fight scene, tall and muscular Basil Buchann, 148, Jamaica, won a close unanimous decision over veteran trialhorse Frank Crosby, 147, New Orleans, La. Crosby, the shorter by two inches, was an ineffective aggressor as he was on the receiving end of the accurate counter punching of Buchann's crisp left hooks and straight rights.

In probably what was the best fight of the night, one that had the fans on their feet cheering throughout the four rounds, Boxing Commissioner Jimmy Cross, 190, Memphis, who is over forty, a veteran of over forty-five fights, and who has tangled with the Bobick brothers, Jody Ballard, and Alfio Righetti, put on a great display of courage and punching power in a slam-bang no-contest match against a tough youngster Dan Kaiser, 185, former U.S. Navy champ, Millington, Tn. Cross, a southpaw, dropped the muscular kaiser on the seat of his pants with an explosive right hook for a four-count, immediately bloodying Kaiser's nose. A bewildered Kaiser came storming back and for the remaining three rounds, each battler took turns landing the most hefty wallops seen in Memphis in sometime. At the end of the tussle, the crowd gave both fighters a well deserved two-minute standing ovation. Kaiser had a damaged nose while Cross sustained a blackened right optic with abrasions all over his face. Cross donated his entire purse to the two charities.

In a four-round heavyweight clash, the ever improving Don Martin, 220, Memphis, destroyed the professional debut of 6'5" Gregg Clayton, 225, New Orleans, former Minnesota Vikings football player, by icing him at 2:50 of the first. Clayton came out storming at the bell throwing punches from every angle and showing a fairly good left hook which reddened Martin's nose. After about a minute, Clayton quickly tired and Martin got in some nifty body shots which stopped Clayton in his tracks. At that moment, Martin shot over a rapid pulverizing right cross catching Clayton right on the button and out went the lights. As he was leaving the ring, Clayton was still in a daze.

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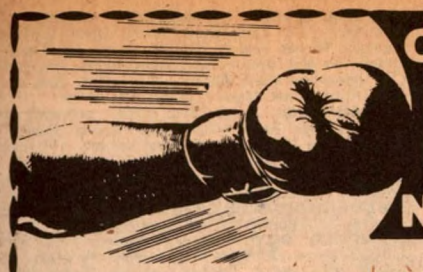

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___TBRH - Boys Finger Tip Terry Cloth with hood	42.00	31.50
___TBRFL - Boys Full Length with hood	46.00	34.50
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BOXING IN ARGENTINA

By SIMON BRONENBERG

▲**BAHIA BLANCA** — In the light class, Nicolas Arkuszyn beat Jorge Gomez in twelve rounds. (Vacant Argentine title)

▲**POSADAS** — In the super bantam class, Francisco Acosta kayoed Angel Picon in the second round.

▲**CORONEL PRINGLES** — Lights: Jesus Romero beat Juan Zuniga in ten rounds.

▲**DE JULIO** — Jose L. Villaneuva outpointed Guillermo Fontini in ten. (Lights)

▲**CONCORDIA** — In the Jr. light division, Santiago "Sapito" Lopez and Juan J. Noguera drew in ten rounds.

▲**S. CARLOS BARILOCHE** — Ex-Argentine jr. welter champion Hector "Yeye" Hernandez beat Cirilo Ruiz by a TKO in five.

▲**VILLA MARIA** — Undefeated in the fly class, Gustavo Ballas whipped Carlos Escalante in ten rounds.

▲**CENTENARIO** — In the junior light class, Jose L. Valdez and Oscar Silva drew in ten.

▲**TUCUMAN** — Lights: Luis Perez beat Emilcio Ortiz in ten rounds.

▲**RESISTENCIA** — In the jr. welter class Romulo Ibarra decisioned Juan "Pamperito" Olivera in ten rounds.

▲**SAN PEDRO** — In the light division, Rodolfo Petrizani kayoed Nestor Gundin in five.

▲**DOMINGO DE ALVEA** — Roberto J. Ruiz beat Patricio Caro by a TKO in seven. They are jr. middles.

▲**VIEDMA** — Good prospect in the fly class, Miguel A. Lazarte beat Juan C. Rios in ten.

▲**LA RIOJA** — In the super feather class, Ruben Butiler beat Carlos Cordoba in twelve rounds for the local title.

▲**MENDOZA** — Jr. lights: Modesto Gomez kayoed Eduardo Acosta in the third round.

▲**CUHUZU-CUATIA** — In the jr. middle class Carlos Nacimiento beat Ramon Godoy by a TKO in the seventh round.

▲**BUENOS AIRES** — At the Luna Park ring, Argentine feather champion Juan Domingo Malvarez kayoed Julio Alegre in eleven rounds. Retained his crown.

▲**MAR DEL PLATA** — In the welter division, Tito Yanni decisioned Luis Sosa in ten.

▲**CHAJARI** — In the middle class, Oscar Ayala beat Nazareno Benitez by a TKO in nine.

▲**INTENDENTE ALVEAR** — In the light division, Ahrabam Valenzuela beat Mario Viscaya in ten rounds.

▲**CATRILO** — Feathers: Alberto Rios decisioned Hugo Saldibehere in ten rounds.

▲**VILLA CARLOS PAZ** — In the fly class, undefeated Santos Lacia, kayoed Felipe Rojas in five.

▲**RIO CUARTO** — In the heavy class, Hugo Quinteros beat Eudoro Robledo by a TKO in six and Antonio Musladino decisioned Pedro Sabadini in ten rounds.

▲**CORDOBA** — Argentine and South American bantam champion, Julio C. Saba beat Diego Vega Ramirez, from Paraguay, in twelve rounds. Retained South American crown.

▲**ROSARIO** — In the welter class, Hector Caceres beat Carlos Maria Gimenez in ten.

▲**RESISTENCIA** — Argentine and South American heavy champion Domingo D'Elia decisioned Pablo Noe Castellino in twelve rounds. Retained Argentine title.

▲**SAN JUSTO** — In the jr. middle class, Carlos del Valle Herrera kayoed Marcos Perez in six.

▲**RAFAELA** — In the feather class, Carlos Martinetti and Emilio Haedo drew in ten.

▲**CHIVILCOY** — Argentine and South American jr. light champion Victor Echegaray won from Jose "Pipi" Lopez on a foul in six. Non title fight.

▲**SALTA** — No. 1 in the feather class, Hipolito Nunez beat Juan Reyes in ten rounds.

▲**MAR DEL PLATA** — In the welter class, Ubaldo Sacco decisioned Roque Avalos in ten.

▲**MENDOZA** — In the welter division, Roberto Alfaro whipped Hugo Quartapelle in ten.

▲**CHASCOMUS** — In the light class, Santos Aranda and Luis D. Diaz drew in ten.

▲**CAMPANA** — Welters Ricardo "Palito" Magallanes beat Juan C. Canete in ten rounds.

▲**PRESIDENTE DERQUI** — Middles: Julio Arancibia kayoed Hector Sosa in seven.

▲**VILLA MERCEDES** — Argentine light heavy champion Celestino Bailone decisioned Ruben Zamarro in twelve. Retained his crown.

▲**PTE. R. SAENZ PENA** — In the welter class, Natalio Pereyra whipped Hugo A. Gomez in ten rounds.

▲**COMODORO RIVADAVIA** — Argentine and South American super feather champion Sergio Palma beat Carlos Bedveder in ten. Non title bout.

▲**TUCUMAN** — In the light class, Martin Leiva beat Facundo Villalba by a foul in the seventh round.

▲**TIGRE** — In the welter division, Juan D. Monzon outpointed Segundo Aguirre in eight.

▲**LA PLATA** — Undefeated in the jr. fly class, Hector Patri outpointed Ruben Paniagua in ten rounds.

▲**CUTRALCO** — Welters: Carlos Pacheco beat Raul Oliva by a TKO in the fourth round.

▲**TOSTADO** — Juan C. Morales beat Alfredo Lucero in ten. They are welters.

▲**LIMA** — Welters: Oscar A. Cejas beat Hugo Gutierrez in six.

▲**ALTA GRACIA** — In the light class, Julio Melone beat Jose I. Funes in ten rounds.

▲**LOS TOLDOS** — In the junior welter division, Floro Zarza and Americo Avalos drew in ten.

▲**JUSTINIANO POSSE** — Welters: Hector Rios over Eduardo Aguirre in ten rounds.

▲**GUALEGUAYCHU** — In the bantam class, Jose Uziga beat Luis Gomez in ten rounds.

▲**SALADILLO** — Jr. middles: Santiago Portillo kayoed Julio Domeneghini in the second.

▲**BARADERO** — Hard puncher in the feather class, Ramon "Moncho" Dominguez beat Omar Almada in the fourth round.

▲**ARATA** — In the light class, Justino Heredia and Ramon Araujo drew, ten.

▲**ZARATE** — In the jr. welter class, Manuel R. Bustos beat Jose Oliva by a TKO in the fourth.

▲**PARANA** — In the middle class, Oscar Ayala kayoed Zoilo Zarza in the second round.

▲**BAHIA BLANCA** — Welters: Miguel A. Garcia decisioned Omar Zarza in ten rounds.

▲**ROSARIO** — In the feather class, Gabriel Sanchez beat Armando Perez on a foul in nine.

▲**SANTA FE** — In the middle division, Jacinto Fernandez and Roque Roldap drew in ten.

▲**SAN CRISTOBAL** — In the jr. welter division, Juan A. Merlo kayoed Antonio Capdevilla in eight rounds.

▲**MAR DEL PLATA** — In the light class, Ruben Stamuli beat Cesar Villarruel by a TKO in the third round.

▲**TUCUMAN** — Lights: Oscar Caro beat Alberto Cardozo in ten rounds.

▲**DOLORES** — In the middle class, Camilo Gaitan and Cesar Duarte drew in ten.

▲**MENDOZA** — In the bantam division, Jose Narvaez outpointed Raul "Nico" Perez in ten.

▲**CORDOBA** — Middles: Jose A. Vega beat Roberto Marcialli in ten rounds.

▲**NEUQUEN** — Jorge Garcia beat Ramon Peralta. They are welters.

▲**CAMILO ALDAO** — In the bantam class, Juan D. Aragon and Roberto Condori drew in ten.

▲**JUAN D. MOLINA** — In the light class, Juan D. Saucedo beat Victor Altamirano in six.

▲**VILLA ANGELA** — In the feather class, Omar Mendoza kayoed Angel "Mini" Zalazar in the fourth round.

▲**CHARATA** — In the feather class, Carlos Casco and Felix Rodriguez drew in five. (Medical decision)

▲**BUENOS AIRES** — At the Luna Park ring, and in the welter class, Horacio Saldano and Mario Guilloti drew in ten in a great fight.

▲**CERES** — In the welter class, Daniel Gonzalez kayoed Roque Romero in the third.

▲**GENERAL PINEDO** — In the light class, Abraham Valenzuela beat Victor Escobar in ten.

▲**ROSARIO** — In the bantam class, Gilberto Lopez, from Uruguay, beat Ruben Granado by a foul in the fourth round.

▲**CORDOBA** — In the light class, Daniel Murua beat Oscar Albarracin in twelve rounds by the local title.

▲**BAHIA BLANCA** — Good prospect in the jr. middle class, Alfredo Horacio Cabral beat Ricardo Molina, from Chile, by a TKO in eight.

▲**POSADAS** — In the light class, Ramon Moreyra beat Francisco Calvan in ten.

▲**RIO CUARTO** — In the heavy class, Antonio Musladino beat Hector Quinteros in ten.

▲**SALTA** — Argentine feather champion Juan Domingo Malvarez beat Ramon Gonzalez by a TKO in six.

▲**ONCATIVO** — Super feather Jose Casas beat Rafael Uncos by a TKO in five.

▲**AZUL** — In the middle class, Hugo Salega kayoed Raul Krees in the second round.

▲**CURUZU-CUATIA** — Argentine jr. fly champion Rodolfo Rodriguez and Carlos Escalante drew in ten rounds. Non title bout.

▲**CHARATA** — In the welter class, Ceferino Morales beat Jose A. Oroda in ten.

▲**TUCUMAN** — In the light class, Luis Perez and Roque Arevalo drew in ten.

▲**BUENOS AIRES** — Argentine and South American champion Manuel Gonzalez beat Raul Porcel de Peralta in twelve and retained his Argentine title.

▲**MAR DEL PLATA** — Argentine middle champion Ruben Pardo kayoed Raul A. Paez in six. Non title bout.

▲**OLAVARRIA** — Uruguay and South American middle champion Jose Maria Flores Burlon and Hugo Obregon drew in ten rounds. (Non title bout)

▲**MAR DEL AJO** — In the welter class, Hector Ubiedo kayoed Ramon Perez in the second.

▲**POSADAS** — In the super feather class, Francisco Acosta beat Carlos Betveder in ten rounds.

BOXING IN MEXICO

By EDUARDO AMER G.

▲ **GUAMUCHIL, SINALOA:** Ubaldo "Baldo" Gonzalez, 112, upset the gang when he outpointed favorite Valentin "Duende" Martinez, 112, in 12 rounds, to capture Mexican flyweight championship. Dario Quintas, 147, knocked out Ascension Osuna, 146, in two.

▲ **SAN LUIS POTOSI:** Ruben "Gato" Mancilla, 112, won by a disqualification from Alberto "Costeño" Morales, 112, in eight. In other bouts, Juan Alvarez, 112, technically stopped Pedro Galaviz, 112, in eight. Fabian Palma, 117, bested Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 120, in ten. Carlos "Calaca" Segura, 111, decisioned Juan Zarate, 112, in ten. Manuel "Loco" Torres, 147, halted Elias Treviño, 146, in eight rounds to retain welterweight title of San Luis—Potosi State.

▲ **CELAYA, GUANAJUATO:** Adelaido Galindo, 113, TKO'd Leonel Rojas, 112, in two. Jorge David Monzon, 126, TKO'd Pedro Tellez, 125, in five. German Torres, 109, TKO'd "Pajarito" Frias, 108, in three.

▲ **MAZATIAN, SINALOA:** Alfredo Pitalua, 135, Colombia, and Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 134, drew, ten. Alfredo Lugo, 121, technically kayoed Nezahualcoyotl Ramos, 119, in four. Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzalez, 135, iced Jose "Chuni" Tolosa, 134, in the first.

▲ **MEXICO CITY:** Salvador Sanchez, 126, technically stopped Jose Santana, 124, of Panama, in two. Jose Luis Valencia, 110, TKO'd Mario Gatica, 108, in three. Miguel Lira, 134, lost to Ubal do Torres, 135, in eight. Pablo Flores, 110, knocked out Guillermo Chapa, 113, in two. Victor Vega, 129, outscored Francisco Tapia, 130, six. Arturo Gonzalez, 110, decisioned Jose Acosta, 107, four.

▲ **MATAMOROS, TAMAULIPAS:** Ausencio "Torito" Melendez, 119, demolished former world bantamweight champion Romeo Anaya, 121, who looks like a washed up fighter. The end came in the opening round. Jose Luis Cruz, 113, embalmed Mario Rogelio, 112, in two. Juan del Toro, 125, TKO'd Rafael "Martillo" Duran, 124, in five.

▲ **CAMPECHE:** Jorge Vera, 112, technically kayoed Alejandro "Alex" Parra, 111, in seven rounds. "Pajarito" May, 114, lost by a TKO in five to Ruben Carballo, 112. Apolo Carvajal, 123, and Juan "Valesinas" Solis, 119, drew, six. Jorge Robinson, 110, decisioned Roger Martinez, 111, four. Raul Chavez, 115, polished off Kid Martinez, 116, in three.

▲ **COATZACOALCOS, VERACRUZ:** Grabriel Bernal, 112, nailed Raul "Raton" Perez, 111, two.

▲ **MEXICO CITY:** Francisco Manzo, 125, technically stopped Victor Ramirez, 126, in nine. Promision Candido Tellez, 105, TKO'd Tomas "Charal" Cuellar, 104, one. Evaristo Martinez, 125, and Emilio Martinez, 125, drew, eight. Luis Castillo, 111, technically kayoed Mario Nava, 110, six. Pascual Garcia, 114, TKO'd Juan Rayo, 115, in two.

▲ **CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO:** Adolfo Sanjeado, 145, bombed out Aaron Bautista, 147, in one round. Eduardo "Lalo" Medina, 117, decisioned David Raygoza, 118, ten. Antonio "Zurdo" Lopez, 124, put Luis Coral, 125, to sleep in two rounds.

▲ **GUADALAJARA, JALISCO:** Ray "Pelon" Rodriguez, 112, outpointed Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, ten. Lupe Torres, 135, TKO'd Lorenzo "Pantera" Garcia, 135, in five.

▲ **CULIACAN, SINALOA:** Jose Luis Soberanes, 134, technically kayoed Norberto Mendoza, 134, in two. Efrain Chacon, 117, flattened Manuel "Topo Gigio" Vazquez, 117, four. "Chuyin" Lopez, 116, disposed of Guadalupe "Lupe" Martinez, 117, in four.

▲ **COATZACOALCOS, VERACRUZ:** David "Maceton" Cabrera, 176, Mexican light heavyweight champion, demolished Cipriano "Jessie" Hernandez, 175, in six rounds. Fidencio Gonzales, 125, stopped Roberto "Memin" Jaramillo, 125, in five.

▲ **VALLADOLID, YUCATAN:** Isidro "Paletero" Kauil, 118, outpointed Alberto Chuc, 118, eight rounds. Martin Sansores, 115, knocked out Jac into Canul, 116, in three.

▲ **POZA RICA, VERACRUZ:** Eleuterio Davila, 135, technically halted Nick Castillo, 135, in two. Andres Nuñez, 123, destroyed Raul Gamboa, 124, in the opening round. Memin Luna, 115, TKO'd Juan Arias, 113, seven.

▲ **COZUMEL, QUINTANA ROO:** Roberto Llanes, 112, decisioned Guillermo Mis, 111, ten. Manuel Hong, 119, beat Guillermo "Memo" Gamboa, 118, ten. "Panterita" Estrada, 110, got the duke over "Pequeño" Chulim, 110, six. Raul Armando Koh, 112, polished off Manuel Canul, 113, in three.

▲ **COATZACOALCOS, VERACRUZ:** Camilo Ibarra, 125, embalmed Salvador "Negro" Torres, 126, in two.

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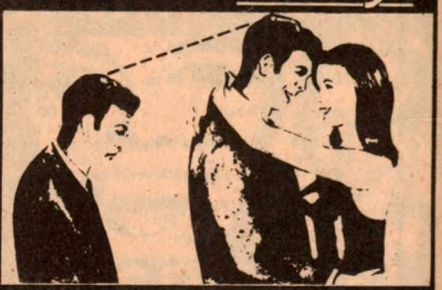

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